

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

John 1:1-18

Talk About

- Think back to your childhood: who was your favourite school teacher? Why?
- What is your all-time favourite chapter in the Bible? Why?
- Which description of Jesus is the most significant and helpful for you at the moment?

Read About

- What similarities are there between verses 1-5, and Genesis 1:1-3?
- Read verses 1-5 and v.14, substituting 'Jesus' where it says 'the Word'. What do these verses claim about Jesus?
- What was John the Baptist's primary role (v.6-9)?
- What do verses 10-13 say about how to become a child of God?

Think About

- What sacrifices do you think Jesus made by becoming human? What motivated him? See also Philippians 2:1-11.
- C. S. Lewis offered 3 possibilities about Jesus. ❶ Jesus could have been mad, thinking he was God but deluded. ❷ Jesus was a liar, deliberately pretending to deceive people. Or ❸ Jesus was telling the truth. Do you agree/disagree? Why?
- Which of the following struggles do you face, and how can Jesus sympathise and help you?
 - Being misunderstood by people around you.
 - Feeling overwhelmed by busyness.
 - Having your efforts at work go by unnoticed.
 - Feeling "it's not fair".
 - Being tempted to do wrong.
- How could these verses help someone who says: "I must be a Christian as I was brought up in a Christian home"?
- You could end by reading / memorizing John 1:14.

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¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not understood it.

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵ John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" ¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.