

LIFEGROUP NOTES: JOHN 1:1-18

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Introduction:

1. See John 20:30-31. In the light of this “purpose statement”, what do you expect to find as you begin to read through John’s gospel?

For Discussion:

2. Verse 1 is an amazing statement. Why do you think John didn’t simply say, “Jesus is God”?
3. List the things John tells us about Jesus in vv.1-5. Think about the implications for your life of each of these massive claims made about Jesus. Where in your life today do you most need to remember that the light of Christ triumphs over the darkness?
4. Why did our Lord come into the world, according to vv.6-13? In what different ways did people respond to Him? Why? What’s your response – and how does it show in your life?
5. In what way is our Lord Jesus uniquely qualified to reveal the Father to us, according to v.18? So looking at how He has revealed Himself in Jesus (vv.14-18), what is our Father like?
6. Of all the truths revealed about Jesus in Jn 1:1-18, which do you most need to cling to this week? Why?
7. J B Phillips wrote a book called “Your God Is Too Small.” In the light of John 1:1-18, in what ways is your idea of Jesus “too small”? With what consequences for your life? How can we help one another to behold the glory of Jesus more and more?

In Conclusion

- Remember that the aim of John’s gospel is “that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (20:31). How has this passage helped you in this way? Pray in the light of this.

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