

Community Group Discussion Guide

April 14, 2013

Week 1 - The Word

John 1:1

Read the first eighteen verses of the first chapter before answering the following questions.

Introduction

The Gospel of John provides the most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the central question of history. And that is... Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus made a monumental claim about himself in the 14th chapter of John's gospel. It provides the title for this series. This week's study unpacks that claim, and then provides the first answer to the most significant question we can ask – Who is Jesus Christ.

Next week's Message:

John 1:35-51

Questions for Study

1. If you were to bring together a group of people you know outside the church (neighbors, work associates, relatives, friends, classmates) and ask them to make a list of the top ten people who they think have had the most impact/influence on all of humanity, who do you think they'd put on this list? Write down ten names.
2. Once you've written down the names of these men and women, then answer this question: What did Jesus say about himself that's distinct from what every one of these individuals have said about themselves?
3. In your conversations with people who do not share your faith in Christ, what have you found to be the number one issue they push back at? Why do they do this?
4. Now, read John 14:1-6. Write in your own words the claim Jesus is making in verse six.
5. What would happen if you said this about yourself at your next neighborhood gathering, over lunch with a group of co-workers, or in the midst of a study with your community group?
6. If someone who doesn't share your faith in Christ asks you why Jesus could say this about himself with a straight face, what would you say?

Read John 1:1 before answering the next question.

7. What would you say is the best way for another person to truly know who you are?
8. How has God made himself known to us?
9. Why do you think John describes Jesus as the "Word?"
10. What do we learn about the "Word" (Jesus) in this first verse?

Answer the following question after listening to Sunday's sermon on John 1:1.

11. What are the three things John emphasizes about Jesus through this title the "Word?"