

Putting God's Word In Your World

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John 1:1-18

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

John opens his Gospel before the beginning: the Word was with God, the Word was God, and everything was made through him. Pastor Matt explained that the Greek word for Word, logos, means more than speech. It carries plan, logic, reason. God has been showing himself the whole way through: creation, the law, the prophets, and finally in person, in Jesus. Which leaves nobody with an excuse. The work now is simple to say and hard to do: get that word off the shelf and into an ordinary week.

To get started

- Where does your Bible physically live, and when did you last open it outside of church?

Looking back at the message

The marriage analogy is the sharpest part: full disclosure available and left on a shelf.

- 1 Pastor Matt compared owning God's full self-disclosure and leaving it on a shelf to a marriage where one person refuses to communicate. How fair is that comparison?
- 2 The Greek word John uses for the Word, logos, carries plan, logic, and reason, not just speech. What does that add to in the beginning was the Word?
- 3 Pastor Matt said only about twelve percent of people in the West Valley attend church at all. How should that number change the way we talk about faith with neighbors? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read John 1:1-18. Verse 14 is the turn from cosmic to personal.

- 4 Read John 1:1-5. What is claimed about the Word, and what part did he play in creation?
- 5 Read verse 14. What changes when the Word becomes flesh and moves in?
- 6 Read verses 10-13. What happened when he came, and what does he offer anyway?
- 7 Read Romans 1:19-20. Why does Paul say people are without excuse? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

The application is practical: get the word into an actual week.

- 8 What has kept the Bible from being part of your normal week?
- 9 Pastor Matt said God has revealed himself through creation, the prophets, Jesus, and now the Spirit. Which of those have you actually noticed in your own life?
- 10 What is one realistic rhythm with God's word you could start this week?
- 11 Where do you need God's word most right now? OPTIONAL

The group together

He said the church exists to put God's word into people's worlds at their worst moments.

- 12 Who do you know in a hard place right now who needs more than encouragement?
- 13 How could this group help each other actually read instead of just intending to?
- 14 What passage has genuinely changed something in your life?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is your plan for getting God's word into this week, specifically?

You might pray about

- For a rhythm with Scripture that holds
- For people who have never read it for themselves
- For God's word to reach people at their worst moments