SERMON NOTES

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD
JOHN 1:1-8
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I. _____ before Jesus, the Word, who always was and always will be Creator God. (1-3)

II. _____ Jesus as the Creator God who entered His creation, clothed in humanity. (4-5)

III. _____ Jesus, the Word, who is the ever-victorious life and light to man. (6-8)

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

KEY PASSAGE: JOHN 1:1-8

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? *Bow before Jesus, the Word, who always was and always will be Creator God; See Jesus as the Creator God who entered His creation, clothed in humanity; Receive Jesus, the Word, who is the ever-victorious life and light to man.*

INFORM THE HEAD/STIR THE HEART

Please read John 1:1-8 and answer the following questions:

1. Please compare verses 1-3 with verse 14 and explain who the Word is. How do these verses point to the Trinity (God in 3 persons… Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?

2. What insight does verse 3 give you about His power and authority?

3. Verse 4 says, "In Him was life." The Greek word for life is zóé, and it means "eternal life, spiritual and physical." Please use the following verses to explain how this life brings light to men:

a. 2 Corinthians 4:6

b. 1 Peter 2:9-10

4. From verses 4-5 what is “the darkness”? What is “the light”? How does Jesus shine in the darkness and how effective is this?

5. From John 8:12, how do we have the “light of life”? What are a few examples of what that might look like?

6. As we approach the celebration of Jesus Christ’s birth, what truths from this passage help you focus your attention on worship in the midst of the busyness of the season?

CHALLENGE THE WILL

What is one thing from this passage that you will apply to your life—in your actions, thoughts, or desires—to better center your worship on the Lord?

WEEKLY READING PLAN

Monday, November 30 // Hebrews 1:1-8
Let Him be Worshiped

Tuesday, December 1 // 1 John 1:1-10
Walk in the Light

Wednesday, December 2 // Luke 1:5-25
Prepare the Way

Thursday, December 3 // John 3:25-36
He Must Increase, but I Must Decrease

Friday, December 4 // Luke 1:67-79
A Word Spoken About the Word