

A Proper Introduction
John 1.1-18
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Growth Group Questions

BACKGROUND

What are some unique things about the book of John that you notice when you compare it with the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke? Why do you think the book of John is often one of the first portions of Scripture people read?

GETTING STARTED

1. According to John 20.30-31 what is the purpose of the book of John? How does knowing this shape your expectations for this book of the Bible?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In John 1.1-18 why is Jesus described as "the Word"? What do you think this means? What does this teach us about the identity of Jesus?

-For help read Ps. 33.6; Ps. 107.20; Is. 55.10-11

2. In our text Jesus is also described as "the light". What is the significance of that for Jesus' life and ministry?

3. Do you ever find yourself being close to overwhelmed by the darkness of this world? When? How does John 1.5 encourage us when we face this world's darkness?

4. How does John show the absurdity of unbelief in 1.9-11? Does seeing how absurd unbelief is help strengthen your faith in the face of opposition? How so?

DRIVING IT HOME

1. As you reflect on this astounding introductory text to the book of John, how does it whet your appetite for what is to come in the book? What are you most looking forward to?

2. At this point in your life, what aspect of Jesus' identity mentioned in our text are you most thankful for right now? Why?

Next Week: John 1.19-34

Recommended Reading: *The Man Christ Jesus* by Bruce A. Ware. Crossway, 2013.