

Christmas – Week 2 – Pastor Guy

1. Have you ever thought about the gospel of John as sharing the Christmas story from heaven's perspective?

*John 1:1 - In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. <sup>4</sup> The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. <sup>6</sup> God sent a man, John the Baptist, <sup>7</sup> to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. <sup>8</sup> John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. <sup>9</sup> The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. <sup>14</sup> So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

2. What stands out to you the most from this passage?
3. What do you think it means that in the beginning the Word already existed? (John 1:1)?
4. What is the significance that Jesus is the Word (John 1:14)?
5. What do you think it means that God created everything through Him? Why does this matter (John 1:3)?
6. How does Jesus give life to everything (John 1:4)?
7. John 1:4 & John 1:9 say that Jesus brought light to everyone. Why is this important?
8. If Jesus is the light, what is the darkness talked about in John 1:5?

<sup>7</sup> But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

9. When did you step into the light and receive Jesus?
10. When do you find yourself stepping into darkness?
11. How does Jesus coming to this earth make it possible for us to walk in the Light?
12. Why do we sometimes struggle to walk in the Light?
13. What can we do to stay out of the darkness?
14. How does walking in the Light help others to see Jesus?
15. How can we as a group help each other to walk in the Light?

*John 8:12 - <sup>12</sup> Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."*

16. What can you do this Christmas to help others find and walk in the light?