

Living It Out:

Let each member of the group ask themselves the following questions, and have those who are willing share their answers or share why they might struggle to answer these questions.

Have you received Christ for who he truly is?

Have you genuinely believed that he is the Messiah, your savior?

What in your life shows that you have been born of God?

How has Jesus been a source of grace and truth in your everyday life?

How has the grace and truth that you have found in Christ enabled you to fulfill the law of God?

Take time during your prayer as a group to give thanks to God for his grace and truth.

NOTE TO LEADERS:

PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. FEEL FREE TO SELECT THOSE QUESTIONS THAT BEST FIT YOUR GROUP AND ONLY FOCUS ON THOSE. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STUDY!

Life Group Homework

JOHN 1:6-18 – THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

Getting Started:

What does it mean to be a child of God? Make every effort to thoroughly unpack everything that this label would entail.

Digging In:

If you saw a man, in the flesh, and others were saying that he was the creator of everything around you, would you struggle with that claim? Why or why not?

What sort of thoughts and emotions do you think went through the minds of those who did not recognize Jesus as creator or receive him as Messiah?

What sort of proof would you have required before you would have accepted Jesus as being the Messiah? Would it require more proof to accept him as creator?

What do you think happened to John such that he came to believe Jesus to be not only Messiah, but also the creator of all things? Did the ministry of John the Baptist help John (the disciple) to believe? (Check out *John 8:14-16*, *Romans 1:3-4*, and *2 Corinthians 5:16*)

Digging In (cont.)

Remembering what you heard in the sermon, look at verse 13 in its context and define what you think the following statements mean:

“Not of blood”

“Nor the will of the flesh”

“Not the will of man”

How does being born of God, as mentioned in verse 13 relate to believing in Jesus and receiving him as mentioned in verse 12? Is being born of God a result of believing, or is believing a result of being born of God?

In verse 14, the word translated “dwelt” or “made his home” is not the typical Greek verb for ‘dwelling’ but rather a verbal form of the word “tent” or “tabernacle.” One could translate it “the word became flesh and ‘tabernacled’ among us.” In what way was the role of the body of Jesus similar to that of the tabernacle in the Old Testament?

In the latter half of verse 14 it speaks of Jesus being full of “grace” and “truth.” From what you heard in the sermon, is “grace” referring primarily to our forgiveness or is there more implied by this word? (Note: the word ‘grace’ is used in Scripture to refer to the actions of God and us that flow out of a strong desire to give what is good and pleasing to the one receiving that “grace.”)

In verse 16 it says that from the fullness of what Christ had we have received “grace upon grace.” To what is the first use of the word ‘grace’ referring and to what is the second use of it referring? Are they referring to the same grace? (Consider *1 Peter 4:10*, *1 Corinthians 15:10*, *2 Corinthians 9:8*, *12:9*, and *2 Timothy 2:1* to fill out your discussion.)

What is the relationship between ‘grace’ and ‘truth’? Look up *John 14:16-17* and *Colossians 1:3-6* to inform your interaction.

What is the relationship between the ‘law’ that was given through Moses and the ‘grace and truth’ that is found in Christ. Are grace and truth opposed to the law, replacing the law, or helping us fulfill the law?