



Topeka Bible Church
“Christmas according to John: The Baby was God”
Community Group Study Questions
John 1:1-18 and selected passages

1. What words does John use to start his gospel (*John 1:1*)? Where else have you seen these words (*Genesis 1:1*)? Why does John make this connection? How do these opening verses demonstrate the distinctiveness of the Word from God while also demonstrating the oneness of the Word and God (*John 5:18; Philippians 2:6*)?

2. How instrumental was/is the Word in creating and sustaining our existence (*John 1:3; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16-17*)? What does John mean that life was in the Word (*John 1:4; 5:26; 14:7; 1 John 1:2*)? Notice how the theme of “life” permeate John’s gospel (*John 3:16; 6:40; 10:10; 11:25-26*).

3. What does John mean when he writes that the Word was also Light (*John 1:3-4; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35*)? Why did the darkness not comprehend or overcome the Light? Why did the world not know (*John 1:10*) or receive (*John 1:11*) Him (*John 3:19; Isaiah 53:3*)?

4. Even though John does not give an account of Jesus’ birth in his gospel, what does *John 1:14* indicate happened to Jesus, the Word? Why was John’s use of the term “flesh” here scandalous and yet at the same time amazing (*Romans 8:3; 1 John 4:2; Hebrews 2:14-15*)?



5. Why did the Word come and dwell (or “tabernacle”) among us? How does the fact that God voluntarily drew near to humanity impact you? How is the incarnation (or “infleshing” of Jesus a foretaste of one of the greatest promises that God makes to us in the Bible (*Revelation 21:3*)?

6. Why has no one every seen God (*John 1:18; Exodus 33:20*)? How is Jesus able to do what no one has ever done before (*John 6:46; Colossians 1:15*)? Why must we come to the Father through Jesus, the Son (*John 14:6, 9; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9*)?

7. Do you believe this shocking idea that Jesus, the Word, was/is God? Who do many people today say that Jesus is? Do you truly believe that Jesus is able to satisfy the deepest longings of your life (*Psalms 21:1-2; 37:4; 145:19*)? Why or why not?

Memory Verse:

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
(John 1:14, NASB)