

God's Transformational Word

The Word is a Person

Sunday, June 12, 2022

John 1: 1-14 NIV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

1. The Word is Jesus

Genesis 1:26 Let Us make mankind in Our image, to Our likeness.
Colossians 1: 15-17 He is the image of the invisible God... In Him all things hold together.
Revelation 19:13 His name is called The Word of God.

2. The Word is Light

2 Corinthians 4:6 God said, "Let Light shine out of darkness."
John 12:45-46 I have come into the world as a light...
John 8:12 I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will have the light of life.

3. The Word is Life

John 6:63 The Words I have spoken are full of Spirit and life.
Matthew 4:4 Man doesn't live on bread alone but on every word that comes from God.
Acts 17:28 In Him we live and have our being.

Conclusion: The Bible is not merely a how-to guide for right living, it is the doorway to God's heart. It is the path to life abundant in Christ. Let us remember as we read His word, *we are communing with the One who is the Word*. Let us feast on His Word daily and be transformed from glory to glory!

LIFE GROUP LESSON

The Word is a Person

Week of June 12-18, 2022

Ice Breaker: How were you taught to view the Bible? Did your teaching or lack thereof, invite you to read the Word or avoid it?

Read John 1: 1-14

1. What truth do we learn in verse 1?
2. What is revealed in v. 2? Does this suggest the Word is a person?
3. Read Genesis 1:26. What do we see in who was involved in creation?
4. What do we learn about the Word's power and authority? (v.3)
5. Read Colossians 1: 15-17. Who is Jesus and what power does He have?
6. What does He hold within Him? (v.4)
7. What else does the Word carry in Him? (v.5)
8. Read John 12: 45-46 & John 8:12. Who does Jesus say He is?
9. What was John's role? (v.7)
10. Did the world recognize the Word when He came? (vs.10-11)
11. What is the promise and gift for those who did believe in Him? (vs. 12-13)
12. How do we know Jesus is the Word? (v.14)
13. What did Jesus reveal by coming in the flesh? (v.14)
14. What is Jesus filled with? (v.14)
15. Read Revelation 19:13. What is Jesus' name?
16. Read Matthew 4:4. What do we as children of God live on? What is required for us to truly live? What happens if we don't take in His Word?
17. Does remembering Jesus *is the Word of God in the flesh* change how you read the Bible?
18. Read John 6:63. What does Jesus state about His words? What do we gain by receiving them?
19. Read Acts 17:28. What does this teach us about knowing His Word? About knowing Jesus, the Person?
20. Rather than seeing the Bible as a rule book of what to do and what not to do, how do you think God desires us to view His Word? What is His Word revealing to us?

Point to ponder: Let us remember the Word is a person and that person is Jesus Christ. The Scriptures all point to Him, the Word of God. So let us look for Him and to Him as we read the Word. *In Him we live and move and have our being.*