

WEEK ONE

THE TRUE VOICE

SERMON NOTES

→ The MEANING of LIFE isn't a PRINCIPLE, but a PERSON (John 1:1-5)

- Voice of REASON in philosophy
- Voice of God in CREATION (Ps 33:6)
- Voice of God in REVELATION (Ps 119:105; Pr 8:1)
- Voice of God in SALVATION (Ps 107:20)
- Jesus is therefore FULLY GOD and FULLY MAN

→ True flourishing doesn't come through the DISCOVERED self, but the RENEWED self (John 1:6-13)

- Response one: HOSTILITY
- Response two: MISUNDERSTANDING
- Response three: NEW BIRTH

→ GOOD NEWS has a BODY (John 1:14-18)

- Jesus moves into our NEIGHBORHOOD
- Jesus is the only one who UNDERSTANDS us

READING PLAN

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Jn 2:12-25	Jn 3:1-15	Jn 3:16-36	Jn 4:1-28	Jn 4:29-38

STUDY/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Circle all the things John says about Jesus in John 1:1-18. What are some things that stand out to you?
2. Look up Psalm 33:6; Psalm 119:105; and Psalm 107:20. How is the Word of God involved in (1) creation, (2) divine revelation, and (3) salvation? Bonus question: Do any elements in John 1:1-5 remind you of the creation story?
3. Look carefully at John 1:1-2. How can Jesus *be* God and be *with* God at the same time? (Hint: Look up John 14:9-10)
4. In our world, some people believe that everyone is a "child of God." Still others believe we can only become close to God through our own moral achievements. How does John challenge both ideas in verses 1:6-13?
5. Read John 1:14-18. What are the benefits of Jesus becoming a human being?
6. Your friend tells you that "with so many religions, no one can really be sure what God is like. In the end, we're all God's children." Based on your understanding of John 1, how might you respond to that statement?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- Do you believe Jesus was a good moral teacher, or something more?
- Is it possible to know for sure who God is?
- Do you encourage your kids to have a particular faith?