

Foundations: God Is

John 1:1-5

Preview

“ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1 [good verse for front cover of worship program]

Three Worldview Principles:

To understand the world, start with God (Gen. 1:1)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:1-5, NIV

To know God, you have to know Jesus (John 1:1)

The Word of God - the complete revelation of God's Nature (John 1:1,5)

The Son of God - Eternally begotten of the Father (John 1:2; Heb. 13:8; John 8:58) The Agent of God - the Creator of all things (John 1:3; Ps. 33:6; Col. 1:16) The Life of God - the Savior of the World (John 1:4-5; Col. 1:17-20)

If you believe in Jesus, you have to obey Him.

Opening Questions

1. What was the best/worst job you've ever had?
2. What is your favorite tradition or holiday?

Pray: Pray for protection over loved ones. Pray for guidance throughout the conversation. Read Passage: John 1:1-5

Discussions Questions

3. Why is the foundation for our faith so important?
4. What is the importance of the phrase in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word?"
5. Why is there no gap between God and God's Word?
6. How is it possible that God is the same as the Word of God?
7. What are three truths about Jesus in John 1:1?
8. How does John 1:1 verse speak to Jesus' coexistence with God?
9. How important is light in a dark room? What does the light do to the darkness? Use this metaphor to help explain Jesus as the light of the world.
10. What does it look like for Jesus' light to shine in our world today?

Application

11. What promises do we have that we too will overcome the darkness in our world?
12. How do you understand the C.S. Lewis quote "The closer you get to the fire, the warmer you get?" How have you experienced this in your life?

Prayer

Personal: Pray our faith in God is grounded in the truth found only in His Word.

Ministry: Pray for provision, protection, and encouragement for our Oakwood supported missionaries.