

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 2

 Let's hear your story

1. What was in the beginning with God in John 1:1? **(Word of God.)**
2. Is the Word of God an unknowable force, or is it personal according to v.2? **(It is Personal; John refers to the Word as a He.)**
3. What does v.5 tell us about the light? **(The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.)**
4. What was the name of the man sent by God in v.6? **(John the Baptizer.)**

 Let's go deeper

5. What was the purpose of John the Baptizer according to v.7? **(He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light...)**
6. What happens when we believe in the Name of Jesus Christ according to v.12? **(We become children of God.)**
7. What do we receive from Jesus according to v.16? **(Grace upon grace.)**
8. Whom did Jesus make known to us according to v.18? **(God the Father.)**

 Let's apply this

9. John 1:7; He (John the Baptizer) came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through Him.

John came as a witness to point and direct people to Jesus the Messiah and Saviour.

- How can you be a witness of Jesus this week, maybe to your family, friends or colleagues?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you power to witness boldly this week.

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 2 (Jesus the Word)

Read: John 1:1 – 18

v.1; John begins talking about Jesus, "In the beginning," he goes all the way back to before there was time, back in eternity, before there was anything. At this point, the Hebrews would have been with him, and the Greeks. The Hebrews would have said, "Yes, the Word of God is with God, before creation and it was through his Word that he created. We believe that."

The Greeks would have believed that same thing, that the Word existed before creation. So, John begins at this place of common ground between the two. In the beginning was the Word and then as soon as he gets them joined, he departs and the Word was God.

John does this transition. He has just united all of Hebrew history, all of Greek history in one verse. The Word is not just this Greek understanding of a divine force. It's also not just the Hebrew understanding of God's action and speech into the world. The Word of God is not removed from God, but the Word is God.

v.2; The Word is personal; it is a He. It's not just this objective, neutral thing that the Hebrews understood. It's also not this unknowable, unexplainable force as the Greeks understood, but the Word of God is a Person and He was with God in the beginning.

v.3 – 5; Light is stronger than darkness.

v.6 – 9; John the Baptizer comes as a witness pointing people to Jesus.

v.10 – 13; The Word of God (Jesus) came to His own people (Jews) and they didn't receive Him. Yet some did believe. God chooses and adopts us as His children.

v.14 – 15; The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. John says that Jesus walked among them, John saw His glory on the mountain of transfiguration and the empty tomb and when Jesus ascended into heaven. John was there.

v.16 – 18; Every time you fall short, Jesus gives grace. He also gives truth. He tells you that you've fallen short of the law, and then He forgives you, so that you can become a new person. John concludes by saying, "No one has ever seen God," – none of us can see God, but Jesus is God, and He's shown us God. Jesus is the clearest picture we have of God. Jesus reveals the heart of the Father. What is God like? Look at Jesus.