I'll Love You Forever.

John 1:1–5 Group Study Guide

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Begin Together

Read the passage aloud. Take your time. Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family. Close with The Takeaway, and use your final minutes to pray for one another. Keep a simple record of answered prayers.

Context

“Jesus was before there was a you.”

The sermon outline begins there. Not with our plans. Not with our accomplishments. With Jesus.

John opens his Gospel before creation. The Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God. The Son is distinct from the Father. He is not less than God. He is not one more created thing. He is the Creator (**John 1:1–3**).

John 1:14: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

This Word is Jesus. The Gospel was written so that we would believe in him and live.

John 20:31: “But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

The Big Idea of the Text

Jesus is the eternal God who made you. Life is in him. Darkness cannot overcome his light.

Connecting the Session to the Sermon

The outline gives us four words: **Word. Creator. Life. Light.** Follow them through the passage.

Before the beginning, Jesus was already there. Everything created came through him. As the sermon notes put it: “Galaxies. Mt. Rainier. You.” Look at the mountain. Look at the stars. Then remember that the One who made them made you, too. Your life is not yours to define apart from your Creator (**John 1:1–3**).

Life is in Jesus. So is the light we need. We do not overcome darkness by pretending it is harmless or by making ourselves our own savior. We need him (**John 1:4–5**).

On this final Sunday as a church plant, our attention belongs on Jesus. Our circumstances change. The eternal Word is still God. His light still shines. Darkness has not overcome it (**John 1:1–5**).

Biblical Text (CSB): John 1:1–5

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

2 He was with God in the beginning.

3 All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created.

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

5 That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

Applying Our Lives to the Text Together

Look — Observe the text.

1. List the three statements about the Word in the opening verse. What does the next verse repeat (vv. 1–2)?

2. Identify the two ways the passage says that everything created came through Jesus. What does that tell us about the idea that Jesus himself was created (v. 3)?

3. Describe the connection between life and light. What does the darkness fail to do (vv. 4–5)?

Think — Understand the text.

4. Explain why calling Jesus only a good teacher falls short of what this passage says about him (vv. 1–3).

5. Why is the promise that darkness has not overcome the light different from a promise that Christians will never face dark days (v. 5)?

Live — Respond to the text.

6. Name one part of your life you are treating as if it belongs to you rather than to Jesus. What specific act of obedience will acknowledge him as your Creator this week (v. 3)?

7. Imagine facing your present fear with Jesus, rather than trying to be your own source of light. What truth about him will you remember, and whom could you encourage with that truth this week (vv. 4–5)?

The Takeaway: So What, Church?

Trust Jesus with the darkness you cannot overcome. His light still shines.

Name one fear before God. Read verse 5 aloud again. Ask Jesus for help to trust him and obey him in that very place. Then pray for one another by name. Do not promise one another an easy week. Point one another to the unconquered Light.

Come to Jesus

The Light is not a self-help plan. He is a Savior. Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4: “For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

John 3:16: “For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

Romans 10:9: “If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Turn from sin. Believe in Jesus. Life is in him.

For Parents and Grandparents: Show Your Children Jesus

Turn on a flashlight in a dim room. Notice how the light shines into the darkness. This is an illustration, not a picture of everything Jesus is: a flashlight needs batteries, but Jesus is the eternal Creator.

Read verse 5 aloud. Explain that Jesus is the Light and that darkness cannot defeat him. Invite each child to name something frightening and pray together for help to trust Jesus (v. 5).

This Week

Read John 1:1–5 again each day. Remember who Jesus is before you list what you need. Write down one way this truth changes your response to the day. Bring an answered prayer to your next conversation together.

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