

**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**Jesus the Word**  
John 1:1-5

**Getting Started**

1. What is your opinion of the study of theology or doctrine?
  - a. it is dry and boring
  - b. it belongs in the seminary classroom not in the church
  - c. it's okay, but I never see how it applies to my own life
  - d. I find great pleasure and enjoyment in studying theology.
  - e. other \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Why do you think some people find the study of theological concepts and doctrine dry and boring?
  
3. Why might a person disagree with the statement, “theological concepts and doctrine are dry and boring” ?

**Digging Deeper John 1:1-5**

1. Read John 1:1-3. What would you say is the main point John is making in these verses?
  
  2. What theological truth is being made by the two phrases “the Word was with God” and “the Word was God” ?
  
  3. There are other places in the New Testament which also make this statement about Jesus. In what way(s) do you find these theological truths personally comforting?
- Colossians 1:15-16 & 2:11  
Hebrews 1:1-3
4. In verse 3 John makes two important statements about Jesus. What are these statements and why do we need to know this about Jesus?
  
  5. John makes another interesting statement at the end of verse 5, “the light shines in darkness and the darkness as not overcome it”. Why is this the case? Why does darkness not overcome the Light? How do we know this to be true even though evil is still in the world today?

6. Read John 12:36 & 46 and Ephesians 5:8 . These verses support John's statement about light shining in darkness and its personal application to our lives as believers. Since coming to faith in Jesus how have you personally seen this take place in your own life?

7. Why are the theological concepts of the Trinity as seen in these first 3 verses of John so very important to study and understand?

8. What biblical reasons do the following passages give for theological study and right understanding of the Trinity and the nature of Jesus?

2 Corinthians 1:20

Mark 14: 61-62

John 20:31

1 John 2:22-23 & 5:1,12

**Sermon Quote:** It matters (true understanding of the Trinity) because a Jesus less than God can't save anybody. A Jesus who is a created being cannot save anybody. A Jesus who is not eternally equal but also distinct from the Father and the Spirit cannot save anybody. It matters because the only Jesus who can save is the real Jesus as described and declared in the pages of Scripture.

9. From the John 1 passage or any other passages we have read today, what is your favorite description of Jesus and why?

### **Praying For Each Other**

- What friend or family member still needs the “Light” of Jesus in their life for salvation.
- Share any personal needs for which you would like the group to pray.
- Make plans for the next small group time on February 5.