

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

John 1:1-5

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read John 1:1-5

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was

with God,

and the Word was God.

² He was

in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through Him,

and apart from Him nothing came into being

that has come into being.

⁴ In Him was life,

and the life was the Light of men.

⁵ The Light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not comprehend it.

1. What is being attributed to “The Word” in this passage? How does this help us identify who “The Word” is? Who is described as “The Word” in this passage? See also John 1:14-18.

2. Where was “The Word” in the beginning?

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❖ Day 3

Read John 1:1-5 again.

15. According to verse 5 what did the light do?

16. What was the darknesses response to the light?

17. Read the following cross references in the gospel of John that speak of light and darkness.
How is John using the terms light and darkness and what do they represent?

- John 3:19
- John 8:12
- John 12:35
- John 12:46

18. Summarize. What can we conclude about "The Word" from John 1:1-5?

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19. Read John 20:31. John 20:31 serves as a purpose statement for the entire book. In light of John's purpose for writing his gospel what is he seeking to establish here in the first five verses?

20. How does the deity of "The Word", Jesus Christ, in these verses make a practical difference in a believer's life?

21. Summarize the main point of the passage in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would have hearts that are humble before the Lord and the scriptures to receive and obey the preached word. Pray that Pastor Bret would have clarity as he preaches. Pray thanking God for Christ coming into the world to bring light into the darkness.