



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

John 1:1-18 — The Word

Warm-Up Question:

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I. THE WORD: GOD

- Read Gen. 1:1-3 and discuss the parallels with John 1:1-9.
- From these passages, who is the "Word" and what he is like? How is this different from most peoples view of who he is?
- What applications to life can you make from this?

II. THE WORD: HUMAN

- Read v. 14 along with Luke 1:31-32, Gal. 4:4, and Phil. 2:7-8. How do these compare to what the previous point and passages say about Jesus?
- Why did God decide to do this? What does it say about you and what God thinks of you?
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III. THE WORD: THE SON

- V. 14 says that the Word "dwelt among us," which is the OT word for "tabernacling" among his people. What does this say about what Jesus came to do? What does it say about God's desire in regard to you?
- From v. 12-13, what is required of us in order to "dwell" with God? What's this mean & how is this contrary to human nature (see v. 16-17 to think more on it)?
- What's one way you'd like God to work in your heart and mind this advent season?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

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