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GROUP WORKSHEET · OBSERVE · INTERPRET · APPLY

John 1

The Word Became Flesh

NAME _____ DATE _____

KEY VERSE · JOHN 1:14 · NASB

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John starts before creation and ends the chapter with men bringing other men to Jesus. Watch what Jesus is called, and what each man does once he has seen Him.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 1 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 1. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
Word		
Light		
testify / testified / testimony / witness		
world		
see / saw / seen		
found		

JOHN 1:1–5 The Eternal Word

1 OBSERVE

List everything verses 1–3 say about the Word. Where was He, who was He, and what did He do?

2 INTERPRET

The Word was "with God" and the Word "was God" (1:1). How can both be true, and why does it matter that John did not write "a god"?

3 APPLY

If all things came into being through Him (1:3), what part of your life are you still treating as outside His authority?

JOHN 1:6–13 Witness and Response

4 OBSERVE

Why was John sent, and what was he not (1:6–8)?

5 OBSERVE

Verses 10–12 give three responses to Jesus. What are they?

6 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

God's children are born "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (1:13). Spurgeon says "no man lets Christ into his heart until first God has made him to be born again." Guzik says "born of God, but not of human effort or achievement." What do both men agree on, and what does 1:12 still ask of you?

JOHN 1:14–18 The Word Became Flesh

7 OBSERVE

What did the Word become, what did He do, and what did John and the others see (1:14)?

8 INTERPRET

Compare what came through Moses with what came through Jesus Christ (1:17). Then read Exodus 40:34. What is John saying by using the word "dwelt"?

9 INTERPRET

No one has seen God at any time (1:18). So how can anyone know what God is like?

JOHN 1:19–28 The Voice

10 OBSERVE

Three times John says who he is not (1:20–21). Who does he say he is (1:23)?

11 INTERPRET

John says "I am not" Elijah (1:21). Read Luke 1:17 and Matthew 11:14. How do those fit together?

12 APPLY

John could have built his own following, and he kept saying "I am not." Where are you tempted to be the light instead of the voice?

JOHN 1:29–34 The Lamb

13 OBSERVE

What does John call Jesus in 1:29 and in 1:34? What did he see that convinced him (1:32–33)?

14 INTERPRET

What would "Lamb of God" mean to a Jew who knew Genesis 22:8, Exodus 12 and Isaiah 53:7? Does "the sin of the world" mean every person is automatically forgiven?

JOHN 1:35–42 The First Followers

15 OBSERVE

What is the first question Jesus asks in this Gospel, and what is His invitation (1:38–39)?

16 OBSERVE

What is the first thing Andrew does, and what does he say (1:41)? What does Jesus do with Simon (1:42)?

17 APPLY

Spurgeon: "Let thy religion begin at home." Name one man you will say "Come and see" to this week.

JOHN 1:43–51 Philip and Nathanael

18 OBSERVE

What is Nathanael's objection, and how does Philip answer it (1:45–46)?

19 OBSERVE

What does Jesus know about Nathanael before they meet (1:47–48), and what does Nathanael call Him (1:49)?

20 INTERPRET

Read Genesis 28:12. What is Jesus claiming when He says the angels will ascend and descend "on the Son of Man" (1:51)?

21 APPLY

Jesus saw Nathanael before Philip called him (1:48). What difference does it make that He saw you first?

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

22 WORD *logos* · G3056 · word

The Word "was God" (1:1) and "became flesh" (1:14). What does calling Jesus "the Word" tell you about how God speaks to us?

23 WORD *skēnoō* · G4637 · to pitch a tent, to dwell

Where else does God dwell with His people (Exodus 40:34; Revelation 21:3)? What does John 1:14 add?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 1 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.