

April 18-19, 2026

Title: Gospel of John, Pt 1– “The Eternal Light of Life” – John 1:1-5

Read John 1:1-5 and pray. What in the message or passage stands out about who Jesus is?

Jesus is God (John 1:1–3)

1. Why is it essential to believe that Jesus is not created, but eternal? What would be at stake if that weren't true?
 - How would it change the gospel if Jesus were just a created being?
 - Why do you think this truth has been challenged throughout history?
2. If that's true—that Jesus is eternal God—how should that shape the way we listen to Him, trust Him, or submit to Him?
 - Where is it hardest for you to fully trust or obey Jesus right now?
 - What's the difference between respecting Jesus and actually submitting to Him?

Jesus is Life (John 1:4)

3. What does it mean that “in Him was life”? How is this different from how the world typically defines life?
 - Where do you see the world chasing “life” in ways that don't actually satisfy?
 - Why do you think those things are still so appealing to us?
 - How would you explain “true life” in Christ to someone else?
4. Is your belief that “Jesus is life” more intellectual or experiential right now? What reveals that?
 - What are the signs in your life that point to that (joy, peace, priorities, time)?
 - What tends to pull you away from experiencing life in Christ?

Jesus is Light (John 1:5)

5. The text says the darkness has not overcome the light. Where do you see darkness—either in the world or in your own life—that needs the light of Christ?
 - Do you think this is more about sin, suffering, unbelief—or all of it? Why?
 - How have you personally seen light overcome darkness?
6. In what ways might you be resisting or avoiding the light—either through sin, distraction, or indifference?

- What's one area where you know God is calling you into the light right now?
- What makes it hard to bring that area into the light?
- What would it look like to take one step toward the light this week?

“Next Steps” Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

With Others as SERVANTS

Who in your life needs to hear about the life and light found in Christ?

- What has kept you from sharing with them so far?
- What's one simple step you could take toward them this week?
- How can this group pray for or support you in that?

On Mission as MISSIONARIES

What does it look like for our church to reflect the light of Christ in a dark world?

- Where do you think our church is doing this well right now?
- Where do we have room to grow?
- What's one tangible way you personally can help us be that kind of church?