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John 1:1-18 – Two Kinds of People

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see.

Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Sometimes our hearts can become cold towards Jesus and our imaginations uninspired. How do these verses help to (re)kindle your excitement for him?
2. When we're feeling bogged down by life, we all go to various things for comfort – food, drink, TV, gaming, sleep, fiddling with our phones. Where are you tempted to go for escape or comfort? If v4 is true, how might that change our behaviour when we're feeling in a place of darkness?
3. Keep going with this line of thinking and try to be practical here ...what does it actually look like to 'tap into' the life Jesus offers and to experience his light? If we want to get more of him, what can we do? Can you share any personal testimony of how you do or have done this?
4. If someone asked you, "How do you know God exists?", how might these verses shape your answer?
5. According to John's introduction, what is the *scope* of Jesus' relevance to humanity? How does he show that? Does this challenge your thinking in any way?
6. Throughout John's gospel it's very clear that Jesus sharply divided opinion by his claims about himself, not least that he is God (7:43, 9:16, 10:19 etc). Such claims continue to be divisive today. Where do you observe or experience that divisiveness today?
7. If all that John claims about Jesus in these verses is true, what is the most loving way to respond to those who find such claims offensive?
8. Read John 5:39-40. How are you responding to Jesus at the moment? What might it mean for you this week to avoid the mistake Jesus describes here? (Note: it can't *simply* be "read the Bible and pray" – those Jesus was speaking to were already experts at that!)

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other

*Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."
(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp, p42)*