**WITH JESUS** (Week 1, January 10, 2018)
Getting to Know Jesus Through the Gospel of John

**John 1:1-14 (NLT)**
In the beginning the Word already existed.
    The Word was with God,
    and the Word was God.
2He existed in the beginning with God.
3God created everything through Him,
    and nothing was created except through Him.
4The Word gave life to everything that was created,
    and His life brought light to everyone.
5The light shines in the darkness,
    and the darkness can never extinguish it.

6God sent a man, John the Baptist, 7to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of His testimony. 8John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. 9The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10He came into the very world He created, but the world didn’t recognize him. 11He came to His own people, and even they rejected Him. 12But to all who believed Him and accepted him, He gave the right to become children of God. 13They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

14So the Word became humanand made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.

**Review Questions**

1. (1:1-2) “In the beginning” is meant to connect the reader to….? What’s the difference between “was with God” and “was God”? What’s the point John wants to convey?
2. (1:3-5) Who was the initiator of creation? Who was the agent of creation? How did Jesus “bring life” and then what else did He do? What’s the deal with the darkness?
3. (1:6-9) What man did God send? Who was he, and what was his purpose? What’s the job of a witness? What’s the usefulness of light?
4. (1:10-11) How is the incarnation of Jesus simply mentioned in 1:10? Of what significance is the fact that He wasn’t accepted? How did “His own people” respond?
5. (1:12-13) But what happened to those who didn’t reject Him? What does it mean to believe and accept? How is Biblical belief shown? What status is given to those who truly believe? What type of birth is discussed?
6. (1:14) What did “the Word” do? Why is this amazing and startling? What characterized Jesus? What does it mean that we have seen glory?

**So What?**

How do we know that “the Word” is referring to Jesus? (1:14) What other illustration is used to describe Jesus? (1:5-9) How is this helpful for you to get to know Jesus?

What does John 1:3 teach us about the Son of God and what did He do? Why should this matter to you? How does this impact your view of Jesus?

Who is Jesus according to 1:5-9 & 1:14? What characterizes Jesus? What does He bring to you if you accept it? (1:12)