

Week 1: John 1:1-18

Key Theme: Testimony

Go over Big Picture Goals and Pray for the Group (5-10 minutes)

1. SEE Jesus through John's testimony about Him
2. SEE my life through the lens of Jesus' work in me
3. SEE my group as a safe place to process truth and grow
4. SEE my testimony as a connection to help others SEE Jesus

SEE my life: Coin Activity Ice Breaker (15 mins)

Share a significant event from the year of the coin you received.

SEE Jesus: John 1:1-18 (30 mins)

Read the text aloud and respond to the following questions. During the scripture processing part of your time, vary your structure. Sometimes—especially, if you have a large group, an introverted group, or a dominating voice—share responses in pairs or trios.

1. What stands out to you from the text? What word or phrase seems significant to you? What questions do you have about the text?
2. John the Baptist “came as a witness to testify concerning the light” (1:7). What does this mean? What does John the Baptist “witness”?
3. In 21:24, John (the apostle) says this about himself and his gospel: “This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them. We know that his testimony is true.” What are some of the specific events that John mentions about Jesus, either directly or indirectly in 1:1-18? What do those events reveal about the identity of Jesus?
4. If you were called on the stand to “testify” about Jesus as an “eye witness,” what is one thing you would share?

SEE my group: Values and Ground Rules (20 mins)

1. Read over the descriptions of the Group Values—Care, Safety, Authenticity, Growth, and Help
2. Which of these values is most clearly on display in your group? Which one(s) are less evident? Which value would you like to emphasize over the next 12 weeks? If your group is new, which values seem easier to live out, which are more difficult?
3. Read over the Ground Rules provided or refer to your own document if you have existing ground rules or expectations. Would you like to add, delete, or revise anything?
4. How has your group done in the past with ground rules? Why do ground rules matter?

SEE my testimony as a connection to others (10 mins)

Commit to pray every day during the 12-week study for one person who does not know Jesus.

If time permits pray together—or in smaller groups—for these people and for God to use your group to grow the Kingdom.