

SESSION 1



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 1:1-18, ESV

1. Is there anything/anyone out there?

John 1:18

Acts 14:15-17; Romans 1:19-20

1 Corinthians

2. Yes! There's a person...

How can we tell from John 1 that God is a person?

...who loves to talk...

John 17:8; Genesis 1; Hebrews 1

...so we can get to know him.

Exodus 29:38-46; Exodus 34:6-7; John 17:3

3. Jesus is God introducing himself

John 2:51; John 14:1-10; John 15:15

4. We *still* have a problem...

Acts 14:16-17; Romans 1; 1 Corinthians 2:14

...but it *is* possible to really know God!

Jeremiah 9:23-24; John 17:3; 1 John 1:1-3

God Loves You.

And He is the Father
you have been looking for
for all your life.

This is His love letter to you...



To think through...

- What have you heard that you'd like to think more/ask more about?
- What excites you about the God we've been hearing about?
- Where does this teaching challenge some of the world's assumptions about knowing God?