



Sermon Growth Guide

December 13, 2020

Wonder - To See His Glory

John 1:6-18

Key Verse: John 1:14 “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Big Idea: The love of Jesus is light for you to receive and to then reflect to those around you.

Foundations

Light reveals. In our passage this week, we learn that “the true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world,” (verse 9). The Above-Us-God has become the With-Us-God in Jesus.

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Jesus eagerly desires to shine His light into your heart. Jesus also eagerly desires that you reflect His light, as the moon reflects the light of the sun, to the unbelieving world around you. Listen to these words of Christ from His most famous sermon as recorded in Matthew Chapter 5:

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Gathered together with your circle, in-person or online, open your time of study in prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide and guard your spiritual formation, your growth in Christ.

Understanding God’s Word

Take time to dig into how Jesus is described in verses 9-14.

What does it mean for Jesus to be “full of grace and truth?”

Applying God’s Word

How can your walk with the Lord be deepened by your understanding of who He is? How can you better carry the true identity of Christ with you into your week?

How can you better reflect the character of God of being “full of grace and truth” in your day-to-day walk this week? Where, and how, and to whom, ought you offer more grace? Where, and how, and to whom, ought you offer more truth?

Witnessing God’s Word

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What re-positioning can you do this week to better reflect the light of Christ to an unbeliever? With your circle, pray with great love for this person.