

# The Gospel Of John

## ICEBREAKER

What is a true story you heard (or told) that sounded so crazy you found it hard to believe?

## CONTEXT

The book of John was written for a specific purpose..." so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:30-31). In this passage, Jesus is introduced as the "Word".

## PASSAGE

John 1:1-5

## DISCUSS

What does it mean to believe something? Share something that you believe. What circumstances led to your belief?

What does it mean that the Word was "in the beginning," "was with God," and "was God"? What attributes of the Word can you draw from these descriptions?

## DISCUSS CONTINUED

What part did the Word play in creation? What does this tell us about the Word (Read Col. 1:16-17, Acts 17:28)?

Verse 4 says, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." What "life" is this verse referring to (Read vs. 3, John 10:10, 1 John 5:11)? Why is this important?

What is the first thing you do when you walk into a dark room? Why?

How does this help us understand why John uses the illustration of light in the darkness? What does this tell us about the Word?

## NEXT STEPS

Even the physical nature of darkness is detrimental to our mental and physical health. Spiritual darkness is no different; we are not meant to live in darkness but to be a light for Jesus in this dark world.

What can you do this week to be a light in this dark world?