



LEANING INTO THIS LOVE ENTERING OUR DARKNESS

John 1:1 – 12
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MESSAGE NOTES

LEANING IN TO THIS LOVE...

- Entering Our Darkness (John 1:1 – 4)
- Removing Our Sin (John 2:1 – 11)
- Challenging Our Priorities (John 2:13 – 22)
- Changing Our Identity (John 3:1 – 21)
- Revealing Our Need (John 4:1 – 42)
- Healing Our Brokenness (John 5:1 – 15)
- Feeding Our Souls (John 6:1 – 15)
- Quieting Our Fears (John 6:16 – 21)
- Quenching Our Thirst (John 7:14 – 44)

Because God so loved the world:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. — John 1:1a

1. Jesus is the ultimate expression of Truth and Power.

... and the Word was God. — John 1:1b

2. Jesus is the infinite Personhood of God taking on human flesh.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word. — Hebrews 1:3

He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. — John 1:2 – 3

3. Jesus is the originator and sustainer of the entire created universe.

In Him was life, and that life was the Light of all mankind. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... The true Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. — John 1:4 – 5, 9

4. Jesus is the source of all spiritual thriving and connection with God.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, ... — Psalm 146:7 – 8

In that day the deaf will hear the Words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. — Isaiah 29:18

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. — Isaiah 35:5

The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. — Luke 4:18 – 19

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." — John 8:12

For God, who said, "Let Light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. — 2 Corinthians 4:6

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world. — John 3:19

Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. — John 1:12

5. Jesus is the Way forward, the Truth we seek, the Life we need.

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. — John 1:14

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. — John 20:31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read over John 1:1 – 18.
- What insights from last weekend's message stood out to you?
- What are some of the key words and themes of John 1:1 – 18?
- Why is Christ called the "Word" in this chapter? What does the name symbolize?
- Take time to read Hebrews 4:12, John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:15,16, 1 Peter 1:23. Discuss the significance of Christ's identity.
- What is the significance of pointing out that Jesus was the Creator of the world? (Also read Colossians 1:15 – 18 and Hebrews 1:2 – 3)
- In what ways did your life reflect the idea of "darkness" before coming into a relationship with Christ? How have you personally experienced the "light" of Christ?
- How does a clear understanding of who Jesus is affect our every day lives?
- In practical terms, how will you walk "in the light" this coming week?