

Study Guide/Discussion for “Selfies”-February 11,2024

Let’s Get Started

1. Spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Lord to reveal truth to you as you search the scripture.
2. Read John 1:1-18
3. Questions for group icebreaker or personal reflection:
 - If you had to describe Jesus to a friend using a “Word-picture” what would you say?
 - In the gospel of John, Jesus makes seven “I am” statements: “I Am the bread of life, the light of the world, the good shepherd, the door, the true vine, the way, truth, and life; and the resurrection and life; which of these are most meaningful to you at the outset of “Selfies”?

Let’s Dig In

1. Share or write down the one thought or line you heard in the sermon on Sunday that grabbed you and made you think differently.
2. In John 1:14, 18 we focused on Jesus as the “one and only Son of the Father” or his “only begotten Son”-why was that important?
3. Jesus is fully God and fully man and had to be in order to reveal God to us and reconcile us to God. What did you think of that statement?
4. Pastor Jack reminded us of “two of the books” God uses to teach us which appear in this prologue of John. Do you remember what they were?
5. The concept of “The Word” which John uses in the prologue speak to two aspects of our universe. One was especially important to Jewish readers, one to Greek readers. Do you recall those? Which one seems the most profound to you?
6. Read Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:17 did it ever occur to you that the Word (Command) of Christ is what keeps the universe running? How is this different from other concepts of God in our world?
7. There are two ways we get to know people; what are they?
8. What are some things you think anyone should be able to know about God simply by observation? What are some things we can only know about God by revelation?

9. Pastor Jack pointed out our natural search for a Messiah (John 1:6-8) and said the world was, and is, lousy with religion and superstition-what are some of the proofs that people are naturally religious and sinfully superstitious? Where or who are people looking to for hope today?
10. John. 1:9-11 describes our struggle to receive Christ. What is the biggest reason you think they struggled then and now?
11. Pastor Jack ended the sermon talking about the “fullness” of grace in Jesus (John 1:14-17)-what part of that meant the most to you? What part of it would you share with another person?

Let's Go Deeper

1. Knowing God by J.I. Packer
<https://www.amazon.com/Knowing-God-J-I-Packer/dp/083081650X>
2. Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
<https://www.amazon.com/Mere-Christianity-C-S-Lewis/dp/0060652926>