

1/6/19

TAKE HOME

Speaker: Pastor Mark

(Further study on today's message for individuals, families, or small groups)

FOLLOWING JESUS: Who Is He?

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5

GETTING STARTED

- What routine do you go through to refocus, regroup or unclutter? How does that make you feel?
- Growing up, what was your understanding of who Jesus was? How did that understanding influence your life?
- Is there anything in this week's message that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Review John 1:1-5 and share in your own words what John was saying. How would you use this passage if someone said to you Jesus was just a man?
2. Pastor Mark talked about Jesus being fully God. How does that make you feel when you are worried about your situation/future?
3. How does understanding who Jesus is and what He has done for you influence your gratitude and willingness to follow His commands?
4. What do you say to a person who likes Jesus as a friend or someone to go to when you need Him, but doesn't want to give up control of their life to Him?
5. John shares this image of light and darkness. How dark would you describe your life right now? Where have you seen Jesus' truth bring light into that darkness?
6. You will be hearing in weeks ahead about what it means to be "all in" as a follower of Jesus. How does the thought of total commitment to following Jesus affect you? Talk about what the hesitations might be. The rewards.

TAKE AWAY

1. On a scale from 1-10, how would you describe your level of commitment to following Jesus right now? Where has His Truth and your desires been in conflict. Make a commitment to respond in obedience this week in all areas.
2. How can people be praying for you this week?

Additional Resources (www.RightNowMedia.com)

- "A Personal God: God the Son" (Session 2) – Kerry Shook
- "The Gospel of John" (Session 1) – Dr. Tony Evans
- "Book By Book: John" (Session 1) – Richard Bewes

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WELCOME TO GATEWAY

Who Is He?

John 1:1-15

Sermon Notes