

This semester in FOCUS we will be reading the Gospel according to John. A Gospel basically means Good News. It is the good news of Jesus Christ and what he has done through his life. The author, John, was a friend and eyewitness of Jesus. John's Gospel has been described as "deep enough for an elephant to swim in, and shallow enough for a child not to drown". It contains many deep symbols and metaphors that describe the identity of Jesus.

Read John 1:1-18.

Are there any questions that you have from the passage? List them down.

The first chapter of John is like an introduction to the rest of the book. It describes "the Word" and "the light", who is actually a person.

1. What does it say?

Does **v1** remind you of anything?

(Hint: see Genesis 1:1)

From the passage, who was there from the beginning?

How is the Word related to God?

How is the Word described in :

- v3
- v4-5

V6-9: Who was John and what was his role?

V10-13 refers to the Word.

What is the relationship between the Word and the world?

- v10-11

- v12-13

How does anyone become a child of God?

What happened to the Word? What did the Word reveal?

- v14

- v18

2. What does it mean?

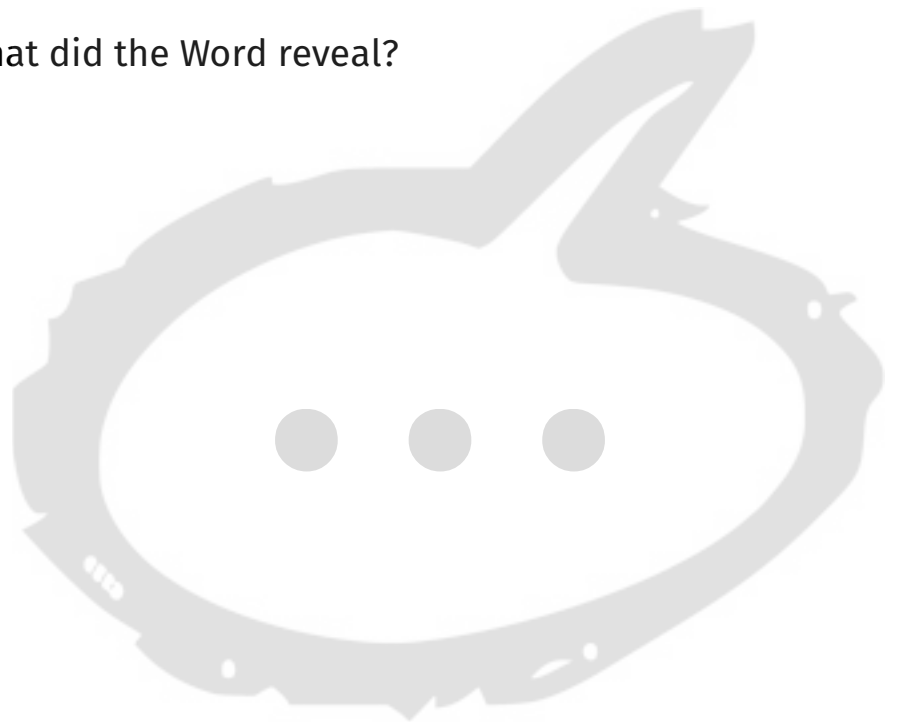
So... Who is the Word?

Why do you think Jesus is called God's "Word"?

How does God show himself to us through Jesus?

How does this compare with some of the other ways of God showing himself, that we discussed at the beginning?

How would you answer someone who says, "I'd believe in God if only he appeared to me"?



3. How will you respond?

How has your vision of Jesus been expanded by this passage?

Pray: Thank God for sending his Son into the world as a human, so we can know God.

Thank God for the right to become his child through Jesus Christ.

In the following weeks we will be looking at Jesus Christ and his identity. Jesus made some very bold claims about Himself and his relationship with God His Father. He says He is God who has come into the world.

The next 5 sessions we will look at the following sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of John:

“I am the light of the world”

“I am the bread of life”

“I am the good shepherd”

“I am the resurrection and the life”

“I am the way”

Hope to see you next Friday!

Coming up at FOCUS...

Saturday 5 March 12:30pm BBQ & games at Dennis St Reserve

Wednesday 9 March 6pm Training (@56 Stockdale Ave Clayton / online)

Friday 11 March **6pm FOCUS main meeting & Bible study** (@Regen)

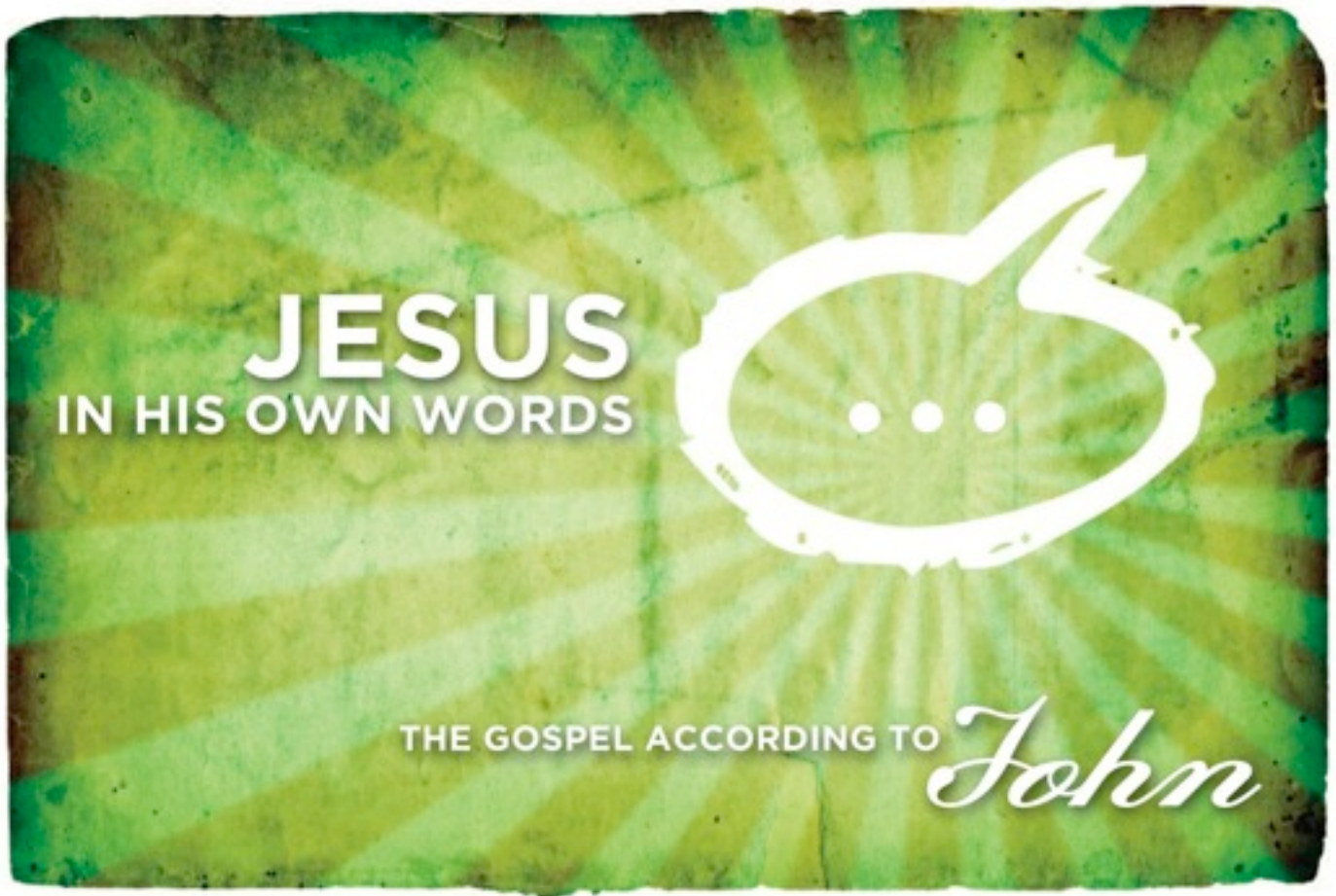
18-20 March Getaway at Phillip Island



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BIBLE STUDY SERIES 2022



How can we know God?

Many people believe in God, but we cannot see him.
Different people have different ideas about what God is like.

Discuss: If you wanted God to show himself to you, how would you want him to do it?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Do a miracle for you | <input type="checkbox"/> Do what you asked Him to do |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speak to you in dream | <input type="checkbox"/> Other? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appear to you in a vision | |

If it happened, how would you convince your friends that God showed himself to you? What proof would you give?