

Sermon Discussion Guide

Signs: Jesus is God
John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18
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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stood out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- When was the last time you wrestled with the claim that Jesus is God? What implications does that claim have for other religions/faiths?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

JESUS IS GOD BECAUSE OF HIS ATTRIBUTES

- 3 *Jesus is eternal*. In your own words, how would you describe the eternality of God? Why is it something that if you really think about it makes your head hurt?
- 4 Jesus is life and light. Brandon asked, "What do you look to for life? What do you look to for meaning and significance? What do you look to in order to feel like you matter? Do you look to Jesus for life and light?"

5 Jesus is glorious. How would you define glory? How is glory related to worship?

JESUS IS GOD BECAUSE OF HIS <u>ACTIONS</u>

- 6 *Jesus created the world*. Do you typically think of Jesus as the Creator? If Jesus is the Creator, then is there anything that He cannot speak life into? How does remembering that Jesus is the Creator give you hope?
- 7 *Jesus entered the world*. What was the point of the illustration about the soldier and the prisoners of war?
- 8 Jesus gives us grace. Brandon said, "The church ought to be a place where one person can say to another, 'Me too.'" What did he mean by that? Can you recall a time when God showed you "grace upon grace"?
- 9 Jesus restores us to the Father. What does Hemingway's story about a son named Paco illustrate? According to John, how are we made children of God?
- 10 The sermon outline was intentionally left blank. How did you fill it?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ▼ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?