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1. Celebrate _____ (vv.1-5)

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

2. Represent _____ (vv.6-9)

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. **9** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (ESV)

3. Pray _____ (vv.10-13)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 8:12** and **Isaiah 60:1-3**. How can this metaphor help you celebrate the reality of your salvation this Christmas season? Why should Christ's first coming be a catalyst for such profound gratitude among the people who, by faith in Christ and the gospel, are sure of their standing with God?
2. Read **John 10:10** and **14:6**. How do these two verses motivate your concern for those who currently dismiss Christ and his message as foolish or irrelevant?
3. Read **John 3:19**. What does this truth add to your insight as to why prayer is such an important part of our efforts as Christ's ambassadors?
4. Read **John 12:36**; **Titus 2:7-14** and **Matthew 5:14-16**. What type of Christian "good works" (that do not compromise God's biblical standards) resonate most positively with our on-looking world?
5. Read **Colossians 4:5-6**. What are some of the gracious answers you might need to be ready to provide to non-Christians this Christmas season?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

December 3rd

Dan.1-2 & 1Jn.2

December 4th

Dan.3-4 & 1Jn.3

December 5th

Dan.5-6 & 1Jn.4

December 6th

Dan.7-8 & 1Jn.5

December 7th

Dan.9-10 & 2Jn.

December 8th

Dan.11-12 & 3Jn.

December 9th

Hos.1-4 & Jude

December 10th

Hos.5-8 & Rev.1

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 10-55 – **Christology: John 1:1**

Msg. 15-37 – **Old School Christmas: Principles from God's Ancient Celebration**

Msg. 14-16 – **Teaming Up to Prepare Our Generation**

Msg. 14-26 – **God's Desire to Save People**

Msg. 06-20 – **Extending the Reach of the Lordship of Christ**

Msg. 13-15 – 13-20 – **Presenting Christ** (a five-part series)

Msg. 10-22 – 10-25 – **God's Work in Evangelism** (a four-part series)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bounds, E. M. **E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1997.

Carson, D. A. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.

_____. **The Intolerance of Tolerance**. Eerdmans, 2012.

Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Spire Books, 1963.

Downs, Tim. **Finding Common Ground**. Moody Press, 1999.

Hendricks, Howard G. **Say it With Love**. Victor Books, 1972.

Hybels, Bill and Mark Mittelberg. **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. Zondervan, 1994.

Little, Paul. **Know Why You Believe: A Clear Affirmation of the Reasonableness of the Faith**. Victor, 1987.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus: What is Authentic Faith?** Zondervan, 2008.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.

Pippert, Rebecca Manley. **Out of the Salt-Shaker**. InterVarsity Press, 1979.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.

Strauss, Lehman. **Sense and Nonsense About Prayer**. Moody Press, 1974.