



Finding the Messiah - That Life

August 2, 2020

Sermon Discussion Guide

This message transitions us from our study of the Old Testament to our study of The New Testament, specifically the Gospels. The sermon seeks to set up the coming 7 weeks of study based on the Gospels. The readings for this week include the beginning of each of the four Gospels. I chose to focus only on John Chapter 1 because it in many ways sets the doctrinal foundation for Christianity. The first part of the message gives the practical reasoning as to why having the correct doctrinal understanding of who Jesus was as Messiah is so important to our daily lives as Christ followers. Using some of the words the Apostle John would later pen in 1 John. After this practical foundation is laid, an examination of John 1 is made and 12 observations are made concerning the life Jesus lived, which is referred to as "That Life" from the main text for today, John 1:4 In him was life, and THAT LIFE was the light of men.

HIGHLIGHT

- **Read the Text.** John 1
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

EXPLAIN

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

APPLY

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

RESPOND

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?