

Week 1 Discussion Guide

Reviewing the Message

In Sunday's message, Pastor Jeff introduced our new series, Mosaic, and showed us how John 1:1–5 reveals Jesus as the eternal Word, the Creator of all things, and the Light that shines in the darkness. Let's review the main truths and ideas from the message.

- 1. What stood out to you most about the introduction to the *Mosaic* series and the unique way each Gospel portrays Jesus?
- 2. How does John's description of Jesus as "the Word" help your understanding of him?
- 3. Why is it important that John emphasizes Jesus' divinity at the beginning of his Gospel?
- 4. What did Pastor Jeff mean when he said that "believing" means to "put the full weight of your life on Jesus"?
- 5. What are some of the key differences between physical life (*bios*) and spiritual life (*zoe*) as John describes them?

Connecting to the Message

Sunday's message reminded us that everyone leans on something, but only Jesus can truly hold the full weight of our lives. Let's think about how this truth connects to our personal experiences and challenges.

- 6. What are some things in your life that you've been tempted to "lean on" instead of Jesus?
- 7. How does recognizing Jesus as Creator change the way you view your purpose and value?
- 8. In what ways do you see "darkness" trying to influence your life, and how does Jesus' light push back against it?
- 9. When you think about Jesus being both the Creator of the universe and the Light of the world, how does that affect your sense of trust in Him?
- 10. How have you experienced Jesus giving you new "spiritual life" in a past or current season of your journey with Him?

Applying the Message

At the close of the message, we were challenged to respond personally - to put our full weight on Jesus, to believe, and to accept him as Lord of our lives. Let's consider what God might be calling us to do this week in light of the message.

- 11. What would it look like for you to "put the full weight" of your life on Jesus in a specific area right now?
- 12. How might this message change the way you handle stress, uncertainty, or future decisions?
- 13. What are some practical ways we can bring the light of Jesus into dark places in our homes, workplaces, or friendships?
- 14. Together, how can we help each other stay focused on believing and depending fully on Jesus this week?
- 15. What one action step will you take this week to strengthen your trust in Jesus as the source of life and light?