



John on Jesus

Jesus, the Word

Small Group Work Sheet

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Part 1 - Ice Breaker

What do you think about live streaming? Have everyone bookmark the streaming page in their browser on their desktop and phone - <http://www.christ2Rculture.com/livestreaming.html>). What is good about using technology to reach people for Jesus in our culture? What are the limitations when it comes to attending church virtually?

Part 2 - Sermon Review

1. What were the two cultures John tried to reach? What was his strategy?
2. Part of our job is to make the never changing message of Jesus relevant to an ever changing world. Learning from John, how can we capture the interest of our culture then tell them about Jesus in a way they can understand?
3. Arius (256-336 A.D.) is the most famous heretic of Christian theology. He was a priest in the church of Alexandria in 318 A.D. when he started a theological controversy. He denied Jesus was equal with God the Father. He argued Christ was created by God the Father. Arius' view gained traction but was eventually condemned by the church as heresy. One of the important pieces of the Bible that proved him wrong was John 1:1-2. What does that Scripture tell us about Jesus' relationship to God?
4. Why is it important to know that Jesus is God?
 1. There is an intimate connection between salvation and the deity of Christ. The only one who can save us from God, is God. Only God can bear the weight of his own wrath.
 2. The Arian heresy continues today. It is believed by the Jehovah's Witnesses. Other Scriptures that disprove Arianism are Philipians 2:6, Titus 2:13.
5. According to John 1:3-5, how can this picture be misunderstood?
6. Many people believe it is God's will for them to always be happy. When John fulfilled God's mission for his life, his head was chopped off. Should we expect God's mission for our life will be difficult? Why does God allow difficulty in our lives?
7. Becoming a Christian is simply placing our faith in Jesus that he is God in the flesh, who came, who lived and who died for us because he loves us. Since it is so simple, why doesn't everyone trust Christ (is there a supernatural component, if so, what is it?)

