

# THE GOD WHO PURSUES

John 1.1-5, 14 // April 19, 2020

## NOTES:

### THE LIVING WORD

John 1.1-18 serves as the "prologue" of the Gospel of John, and it opens quite similarly to the book of Genesis. "In the beginning," John says, existed this "power" called "the Word" which was with God and made all things. But John quickly reveals that this "power" is actually a Person, and he shows in verse 14 that it is the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who is not only with God, but is God.

### THE SELF-DISCLOSURE OF GOD

Why is He called "the Word of God"? Why not "the Hand" or "the Heart"? Though other members of our body serve our functions, they are not synonymous with our very being. Our words reveal our heart and mind and character.

Hebrews 1.3

This tells us at least two things about God:

1. God chose to reveal Himself to the world. He did not want to leave us guessing, and without Him revealing Himself, we could only guess and wonder.

The only true God is a God who pursues.

2. He calls Himself as the ultimate Witness of Himself. Rather than having us rely on unreliable witnesses and sources, He makes plain who He is by testifying of Himself in order that we may know and hear His heart and desires from His very own Word.

### THE WORD, OUR LAMP, IS GOD

Hebrews 1.3 tells us that Jesus is the "exact imprint" of God's nature, and that He upholds all things "by the Word of His power." Nothing was made apart from Christ. And this Jesus, who gives all things life, came to not only give us physical life, but to bring spiritual light into our darkness.



### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read John 1.1-5, 14. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

This section is packed with rich Gospel truth! What does the concept of God initiating and choosing to reveal Himself remind you of that gives you great hope when you are discouraged and doubting?

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Repent and Ask for Provision

There are many ways God reveals aspects about Himself to us. What are some you can think of? Which are your favorites, but also consider what their weaknesses might be. Sometimes, we depend on lesser "means of grace," such as nature, feelings, or music in order to "sense" or "know" God. Though these are gifts of God, divorced from the truth found in God's Word, they only get us so far. We need God's Word to inform our interaction with these gifts. In what ways do you possibly depend too heavily on certain gifts of God, but without substantially being rooted in the Word?

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Your Life Mission

Write down some of the ways you reached out to others this past week. Check in on each other on their "quarantine plan" for engaging and encouraging others.

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End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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