

“The Point”

New Day Church

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John 1:1-5

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

In 2017 the New Day Church family will be reading the bible chronologically from cover to cover. While our goals are to read through the bible together in a year, to encourage one another with the Word, and learn the Story of Scripture, the significance of attempting such a task is to help us see how all of Scripture points us to Jesus Christ. So from Genesis to Revelation, from Creation to New-Creation, we will see how all of Scripture points us to Jesus and His redemption plan for all the nations.

This week we will read the Creation Story in Genesis 1-11 along with Psalm 8, Psalm 104, and John 1:1-3. While all of these passages focus our attention on creation, we see not only how it all began but also how everything went wrong. We will see how the crescendo of creation, Adam and Eve, turned their backs on God’s plan, and as a result, how sin entered and devastated all the world. We will read about Cain and Able, Noah and the Flood, and the Tower of Babel. In the opening scenes of God’s Story we will see many characteristics of God including His judgment on creation but His mercy, grace, and pursuit of redemption.

Since we are reading the bible chronologically, John 1:1-3 is included in the 1st week’s reading. While these verses focus our attention on the creation event as well, more significantly, we see that Jesus Christ, the Uncreated One, was there in the beginning. Jesus was not only with God, but is God Himself. Further, He is the Agent of Creation, the Source of Life, and the Victor over darkness.

Through John 1:1-5 and Genesis 1-11 we discover one of the most significant truths from all of the Bible. All of Scripture points you to Jesus; the Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and the One to Whom you owe worship. In 2017 as we hear sermons from week to week from Genesis to Revelation we will see how all of Scripture points us to Jesus. We will see how He brings Redemption into the world and we will so how we should respond to Him in worship. As you reflect on the sermon and prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week, think about several things. First, will you commit yourself to reading through the whole bible this year with your church family? Second, will you read it in light of the Redemption Story? Finally, will you worship Jesus, the One to whom all of Scripture points?

Message Outline

A Summary of the Beginning in Genesis 1-11:

1. The Story Begins with God .
He is Eternal Creator .
He is Sovereign King .
He is Righteous Judge .
He is Merciful Savior .
2. The Story is Interrupted by Satan .
 Created .
 Clever .
 Condemned .
3. The Story is Broken by People .
 Created for God’s Glory .
 Rejected God’s Plan .
 Need God’s Redemption .
4. The Story is Rewritten by God .
 Separation → Pursuit → Restoration .

From John 1:1-5...In the Beginning Jesus is:

1. The Pre-existent Word of God (1a).
2. In Communion with God (1b).
3. God (1c-2).
4. The Agent of Creation (3).
5. The Source of Life (4)
6. The Victor over Darkness (5).

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to John 1:1-5:

1. What does this passage teach about God? (God’s Identity; Theology)
2. What does this passage teach about what God has done? (God’s Action; Christology)
3. What does this passage teach about man/me? (Old & New Creation Identity; Ecclesiology)
4. What does this passage teach about what I should do? (Reveals what I really believe about Questions 1-3; Missional Ecclesiology)
5. What does this passage teach about how I do it uniquely in my context? (personal action steps of obedience)

Weekly Prayer Focus

• Church:

- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to impact their communities with the Gospel.
- Pray for Missional Communities to multiply into new neighborhoods.
- Pray for new DNA groups to start.
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• Local:

- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.
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• Global:

- Pray for J & A and their children as they prepare for the mission field.
- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pray for Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.
- Pray for the work of Paul & Sarah Young and Dakota Baptist Church in North Dakota.
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