



Life Group Study Notes

The Power of the Seed

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Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- Do you have a green thumb? Why or why not?
- Have you ever done any gardening or planting? How did it go for you?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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Genesis 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Text: John 1:1-14

1. The Word

John 1:1-2, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son^[of] from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- Jesus is the Word become flesh.
 - Hebrews 1:3a says, “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”
 - Luke 8:11 tells us: “The seed is the word of God.”
- **The power of the seed is having Jesus, the Word, coming into your life.**

2. The Work

John 1:3-5

³ *All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.* ⁴ *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.* ⁵ *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

- When you possess the Word, darkness cannot overwhelm you.
- When you speak the word of God, it brings light.

Proverbs 18:21 says, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.”*

- We need to speak God’s Word over the circumstances of our life.

3. The Witness

John 1:6-9

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ *He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.* ⁸ *He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.* ⁹ *The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

- John the Baptist was a witness to the light. In the same way, we are called to be a witness to the light.

4. The World

John 1:10-13

¹⁰ *He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.* ¹¹ *He came to his own,^[b] and his own people^[c] did not receive him.* ¹² *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

- The Word has come into the world.
- We must listen to and surrender to this Word.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- Is there any darkness in your life right now? How can you speak God's Word over the circumstances of your life?
- Like John the Baptist, we are called to be a witness to the light. What are some ways that you can be a witness to the light in your family/workplace/neighborhood?
- Are there any areas in your life that are not surrendered to God's Word?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Thank God that the Word became flesh in Jesus and that He is the life and light of mankind.
- Ask God to shine his light into every area of darkness in your life. Speak God's word over the circumstances of your life.
- Ask God to help you to be a witness to the light.