



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: The Master & Five Who Followed

TEXT: John 1:1-51

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: It was a great day in our history when a man first walked on the moon. But the Bible declares that a far greater event took place two thousand years ago. God walked on the earth in the person of Jesus Christ. John opens his Gospel with a beautiful hymn of exaltation to Christ. It is one of the most profound passages in all the Bible. It is written in simple, straightforward language, yet in studying the depths of its meaning, it is a passage where we never reach bottom. It is an ocean-sized truth, and we have to be content to paddle around in shallow water.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you hope will happen in your life as a result of studying the Gospel of John?
2. Read John 1:1-18. Why do you think John calls Jesus the Word (see vv.1, 14)?
3. In verses 1-3 what facts does John declare to be true of the Word? - Why are these facts significant for understanding who Jesus is?
4. What do the symbols of life (v. 4) and light (v. 5) tell us about Jesus and why he came to earth? - How has Jesus brought these qualities into your life?
5. John contrasts Jesus' rejection by the majority with his reception by a few (vv. 9-13). What facts about Jesus should have brought the majority to receive him (vv. 9-11)?
6. How would you explain to someone both the meaning and results of receiving Jesus (vv. 12-13)?
7. According to verses 14-18, what specific aspects of God's character are revealed to us through Jesus?
8. Read John 1:19-34. According to these verses, what steps did John take to guarantee that people would not look at him but at Christ?
9. How would you summarize John's testimony concerning Jesus?

10. Read John 1:35-51. In these verses we are introduced to five men: Andrew, Simon, Philip, Nathanael and one unnamed disciple John). Describe how did each man respond to the testimony he heard about Jesus?

Which of these responses have you encountered as you have shared your faith in Jesus Christ?

11. John records more than a dozen names or descriptions of Jesus in this chapter. What are some of these?

12. Which of the names of Jesus has the most significance to you personally? Explain why.