



Sermon Discussion Guide

Graves into Gardens: Light of the World - Hannah Dreblow

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Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- Describe a time or place where you found yourself in physical darkness, and needing light. What stands out about that moment?
- As an entry point into today's passage, consider watching this Bible Project video about John 1:1-18 as a small group (6:41 long) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XgslCbXOOIE>

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:*
- **Read John 1:1-18**
- What is stated about the Word in this passage?
 - What other names or titles are used for the Word?
 - What is stated about the relationship between the Word and God?
- What is said about the humans that interact with the Word? What are they like?
- The words "In the beginning" refer to Genesis 1 (Consider reading Genesis 1:1-5). What connections are there between Genesis 1 and John 1?
- In John 1: 14, the words "made his dwelling" (NIV) refer to the idea of tent or tabernacle. Thinking back to our Leviticus series this fall - what connections come to mind between the tabernacle and the Word in John 1?

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*



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- What is revealed about the nature and character of Jesus in this passage?
About the nature and character of God?
- What in our lived experience can make it challenging to see the vision of this passage in our everyday lives?
- If you were explaining this passage to someone and they asked why John 1:1-18 should matter for them, how would you respond?

Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- For you personally, what did you find to be encouraging or good news in this passage?
 - How might you revisit and meditate on that truth in the week ahead?
- In what places of your life do you long for Jesus to bring light and life?
 - How can we pray for those spaces together?
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Time of Prayer