

Why the Infinite Became an Infant

4G: John, the Maverick Gospel (Message 1)

John 1:1-18

I. Because our hearts are bigger than our lives (1:1-2). Embrace wonder.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. John 1:1-2 (NIV)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

II. Because our purpose is bigger than our biology (1:3-5). Live consciously.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 1:3-5 (NIV)

I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born.

Isaiah 44:2 (CEV)

Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Romans 12:1 (MSG)

III. Because experiencing grace opens our eyes to glory (1:14, 16). Revel in Jesus.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.... From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:14 (NIV)

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John 1:16 (NIV)

IV. Because no one ever saw God before (1:18). Watch Jesus.

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