

Icebreaker- Go around the room and discuss "dirty jobs" that you have had in the past. Share something that was difficult, unpleasant, smelly, dirty, or demeaning.

Christ was born on Earth by the will of God. When we accept him as Savior, we, too, are born (for a second time) through the will of God. We become "children of God." This is our second birth, our spiritual birth into eternal life.

Describe some of the events surrounding your "second birth."

Study notes - the language and tone of John's writing may be quite different from the other three Gospels, but the subject is clearly the same - Jesus Christ. The first three words of this book echo the first verse of the Bible, "In the beginning..." (Genesis 1:1, NKJV). The Gospels of Matthew and Luke highlight Jesus' human lineage; John highlights his divine nature. From the very first verse, John sets Jesus in the center of God's eternal plan

Read John 1:1-18

What does this passage reveal about Jesus' mission?

What does Jesus' life as a man tell us about God as a Father?

Jesus brought grace and truth to us. How does this benefit your life?

What surprises you about Jesus coming to earth as a human being? (You may have questions about the mystery of the incarnation. The following passages offer some insight: Matthew 16:27; John 1:14; 10:37-38; 14:7-13; 17:22; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:1-3.)

What is comforting or encouraging about God taking human form?

What does Jesus' willingness to become a human being reveal about his heart?

In what ways would your life be different if Jesus had not yet come to earth?

How can I be a witness to others in the light of Christ?

What is one thing about Jesus as described in John 1:1-18 that is important for you personally right now? Why does that truth about him matter to you?

Next week's lesson - 1:19-28; 3:22-36 John the Baptizer