





SERMON GUIDE

## THE WORD

John 1:1-18; Hebrews 1:1-3a  
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### Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

**Getting to know me:** Finish this sentence: "Having a meaningful life means that I \_\_\_\_\_."

**Note about the passage:** The word translated "Word" in this passage is the Greek word "logos" which had many connotations in Greek philosophy (the logic or origins of the universe; the principle that controls nature, etc.); but our primary understanding of John's meaning should come from the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, the Word of God was his:

- 1) Creative Power (Gen. 1:3; Ps. 33:6)
- 2) Self-Revelation/His message to people (Jer. 1:4; Is. 9:8; Ez. 33:7; Am.3:1,8)
- 3) Salvation (Ps. 107:20; Is. 56:1)

### Read John 1:1-18 & Hebrews 1:1-3a

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What is the relationship between God and the Word?
- O** Can you think of examples or stories in scripture where Jesus shows himself to be the Word of God? (God's creative power, God's revelation of himself or message to man, or God's salvation?)
- O** Why does it matter if Jesus is the Word or not?
- O** What does it mean that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Are there any ways that you are being called to receive (or receive more of) the Word in your life? What relationships or circumstances in your life need to be effected by receiving Jesus, the Word of God?
- A** Are you being convicted, challenged, or comforted by anything in these passages this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.