

## SERMON GUIDE

John 1:1-13; Genesis 2:7-9 Pastor Tim Prince

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### **SERMON NOTES**

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 50)

Matthew 5:23-24 (Church Life)

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

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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:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships Prayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Getting to know me: When was the last time you found yourself saying, "Now this is living!" Share about it!

**Note about the passage:** Greek uses two words for "life" - bios is the term for physical life; zoe is the term for spiritual life - life at its fullest and most meaningful - life animated by the power of God. We see that same idea conveyed in the story of creation - humanity is both physical (the dust of the earth) and spiritual (God breathed life into his nostrils). The two can't be separated. This is why death is such a foreign intruder - it separates what was never meant to be separated, and disintegration follows.

### Read John 1:1-13 and Genesis 2:7-9

- **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?
- How might the "life" in Gensis be connected to the "life" in John 1?
- **O** What do you think verse four means: "In him was life and that life was the light of men."
- **O** What is the relationship between "light" and "life" in this passage (especially in verses 12-13)?
- 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** Do you think you have received the light of Jesus and experienced Jesus as life? How do you know?
- **A** How is the reality of *Jesus being life* impacting your daily life today? How would you like it to impact your daily life more?
- **P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.