

November 15, 2009

Planned—John 1:1-14



Icebreaker

- As a kid, what superhero did you admire most? Why?
- What did your father do for work?

Discussion

- What's your favorite company logo or one that you readily remember? Why?
- Why do you suppose John's gospel begins "in the beginning" rather than at Jesus' birth?
- In John 1:1-14 what strikes you most about Jesus in this passage?
- If you really wanted to explain to someone how much you loved them, what would you do? Explain your answer.
 - A. rent a billboard
 - B. send a video
 - C. flood the city with leaflets
 - D. send someone to explain
 - E. go yourself
- There are other passages in the New Testament that talk about Christ's preexistence and his role in creation — Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; and I John 1:1-4. Read those passages and discuss using the following questions:

- List some attributes given to Jesus in these passages and reflect on how they affect your understanding of God.

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- Of all those qualities which one are you beginning to appreciate more and more?
- How do these passages change your view of Christmas?
- In Hebrews the author talks about God communicating to us in various ways. Why not just in one way? What is the advantage of these different types of revelation? What seems to be God's way of speaking to you?
- In I John why does John emphasize the way he experienced "the Word"? What does that say about John? What does it say about Jesus?

Wrap Up and Prayer

Coming Up

Community Thanksgiving Service at the Rialto Theater in downtown Denison November 22 at 5 PM.

Once again we will organize Project Christmas through our small groups. Begin looking for families to help. If you need a family let the church office know and we'll give you one. We will have our wrapping party on Sunday evening, December 20th.