

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Can You See Him? (pt. 2)” – 01.12.2014

**Scripture:** John 1:1-5

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is ETERNAL, PERFECT and FULLY God.

## INTRODUCTION:

We have all found ourselves in a really tough season or hard situation (job loss, marriage problems, crisis with a child), and thought, “What should I do given what’s going on”. It happens in the really good moments, too, doesn’t it? How do you typically make a decision in those moments? Who do you lean on for advice or comfort?

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

**Read John 1:1-2**

John begins his gospel by pointing to Jesus. He refers to Jesus as “the Word”. This indicates that Jesus is God’s precise communication to his people. Through Jesus we learn who God is and how to personally know him. John also states that Jesus, “was with God and Jesus was God...he was in the beginning with God.” This is huge! This statement reveals that Jesus is eternal (“in the beginning”), Jesus is perfect (“with God”) and Jesus is fully God (“was God”). This changes everything about how we live and view our lives.

- 1) What sticks out to you the most about John’s description of Jesus? Why?
- 2) How does Jesus being eternal, perfect and fully God, practically impact your life?

**Read John 1:3**

What does Jesus do as fully God? He rules and reigns as LORD over all of creation! Jesus spoke and created everything we see. He has all power and authority because through him all was made. Everything belongs to Jesus!

- 1) Why is it important to know that Jesus is the Creator of all? (It means that Jesus can affect the outcome of my life. He has the authority and the power)

### Read John 1:4-5

Jesus is not just ruling and reigning in power and authority as the LORD God, but also coming to us as SAVIOR. We are not responsible to climb out of our dark places in life. Rather, Jesus shines into our lives and comes and pulls us out of our darkness into life in him. He is our Savior and victory over sin.

- 1) We've all experienced dark moments in life. Share a time where God stepped into a dark place in your life and brought you into life in him?

### UNDERSTANDING HOW THE GOSPEL APPLIES TO MY LIFE:

This passage is HUGE for our lives! When things seem out of control, we know that Jesus is in control as Lord, working for our good and for his glory. When life presents dark moments we don't sink into hopelessness, but we rest in knowing Jesus is at work shining into our darkness. In this we know we are not alone. Also, when life presents amazing opportunities we see God's hand at work and leverage our lives to make the decision that will make the most of Jesus. Jesus is in all things. We can rest and trust in him in all of life's circumstances.

### LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) We believe that Jesus is God, Creator and Savior. Our lives were made by him and for him. How can you personally leverage your life to make much of Jesus?
- 2) God has been incredibly gracious to our church! How can you be a part of helping our church move to the "NEXT" step? (Serving on a team, giving to the "NEXT" campaign, inviting friends to church, prayer, etc.)
- 3) Take time to thank God for creating us and loving us enough to come and get us out of our darkness. Begin praying that God would give you an opportunity to share his great love with someone in your life.