

Sunday, 07-03-22

The Creating Word Becomes Flesh
Bible Background: John 1:1-14
Printed Text: John 1:1-14 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Genesis 2:1-3

Aim for Change (Page 506):

1. **EXPLORE** the meaning of the Word for the world
 2. **FIND** true inspiration for life in Jesus
 3. **LIVE** in relationship with Creator God because of the “light” (grace and truth) that Jesus gives
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In Focus (Page 506):

1. How would your life have been different if you didn't have a new life in Christ? – **2 Corinthians 3:1-6**
 2. Do others see the same you since you gave your life to Christ? – **John 3:18-21; Galatians 4:8-16; 1 John 5:20**
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The People, Places, and Times (Page 508):

- **Gnosticism** (the thought and practice especially of various cults of late pre-Christian and early Christian centuries distinguished by the conviction that matter is evil, and that emancipation comes through gnosis (esoteric knowledge of spiritual truth held by the ancient Gnostics to be essential to salvation))
 1. Where does spiritual truth come from and how do we keep it? – **John 4:23-26; 16:13**
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Background (Pages 509):

1. Do others see the love in you as Jesus had for John? – **1 Corinthians 13:4-13**
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In Depth (Pages 509-510)

1. **Jesus is the Word (John 1:1-3)**
 - a. How have you seen loaded words used or abused in your life? – **Matthew 15:1-14**
 - b. Do your actions back up your words or are they just lip service? – **Saturday: Hebrews 1:1-4**
 2. **Jesus is the Light (John 1:4-9)**
 - a. What has the Light of Christ made clear to you? – **John 14:6-14**
 - b. Does the Light of Christ in you flicker? – **John 14:15-21; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4**
 3. **Jesus Reveals God's Character (John 1:10-14) – Colossians 2:6-12**
 - a. Why did Jesus need to become human to understand humanity?
 - i. Perfect teacher – **Philippians 2:5-11**
 - ii. Perfect example – **1 Peter 2:21-24**
 - iii. Perfect sacrifice – **Tuesday/Wednesday: Colossians 1:15-23**
 - b. Do we deserve to be adopted by Jesus?
 - c. Has your new life in Christ influenced others towards Him?
 - d. Does your trust in Jesus create action/repentance?
 - e. Does your rebirth in Christ Jesus reflect the nature, character, or purpose He designed for you?
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Discuss the Meaning (Page 510):

1. What are effective ways to be witnesses to Jesus' light today? – **Matthew 11:4-6; 28:19-20**
 2. Do others' see the Jesus in you? – **Matthew 5:16; Philippians 1:9-11**
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Liberating Lesson (Page 510):

1. How often are you distracted in your relationship with God, the Father? – **Romans 12:2-3; 2 Peter 3:17-18**
2. Are you disciplined enough to be a disciple of Jesus? – **Proverbs 3:11-13; Hebrews 12:11; Revelation 3:19-22**

Note – **Bold/Italicized scriptures are additional scriptural reference; Some will be read during class**

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