



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Summer Series 24: God's Self-Existence and Self-Sufficiency

Scripture: John 1:1-5

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1. As an adult, what does it mean to be self-sufficient? When do you think you arrived there (if you have)?
2. What does each of the names that John used to describe Jesus tell us about Him: Word, Light, Son of God, Lamb of God, Messiah, King of Israel, Son of Man?
3. Choose one of these names or titles and describe how it is important for you.
4. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1-2). Someone may ask, "Where did God come from?" What does it mean that God is self-existent?
5. "All things were made through, and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). There was a point in time when there was nothing, and in the next moment, because God spoke everything (including time, matter, and space) into existence. What does this say about God?
6. Reflecting on these verses, A.W. Tozer says, "An elementary but correct way to think of God is as the One who contains all, who gives all that is given, but who Himself can receive nothing that He has not first given." How does this quote and John 1:3 reveal God's self-sufficiency?
7. John 1:4 says of God, "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." What does this mean for creation, you, the unborn, and all lives across our world?
8. "God needs no one, but when faith is present He works through anyone." Does this change how you view God? Your role in His Kingdom?
9. You may be asking yourself, "What possible meaning can the self-existence and self-sufficiency of God have for me and others like me in a world such as this and in times such as these?" A.W. Tozer says, "because we are the handiwork of God, it follows that all our problems and their solutions are theological." John 1:5 says, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." What does this mean for you, others, the world we live in, and times such as these?