



Group Time

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See last page for directions)

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LOOK BACK:

Point: *A faithful life is devoted to intentional prayer and thanksgiving for God’s word to be spread.*

- Share with the group how your prayer focus changed during the week.

Question: What does it mean to be a *carbon copy*?

LOOK UP: Watch this week’s video on the 4G webpage.

Recap: In the beginning, God spoke everything into existence through His word. And John’s gospel lets us know who Jesus is: the Word. Through Jesus, all things were created, and it is Jesus who sustains all creation.

So, as we enter this Christmas season, let’s keep at the forefront of our minds the reason for the season. Let us also understand what it means for us and the choice we all need to make about where, or in whom, we place our faith.

LOOK IN: Discussion

Read Hebrews 1:1-3.

- In verse 1, who were “*our ancestors*?” What would you say was the overarching message *God spoke* to them?
- Verse 2 speaks to Jesus’ divinity and purpose. Who else is referred to as heirs in the New Testament?
- In verse 3, use a variety of Bible versions and footnotes for the words, “*radiance*” and “*expression*.” Is it safe to say that Jesus is the perfect image of God?

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: *Jesus is the beginning and the end and the in-between.*

Without Jesus there is nothing.

If Jesus created all things, sustains all things, and inherits all things, that means you and I are a part of His plan.

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Who do you say Jesus is?

What is Jesus’ plan?

Where do you fit in His plan?

Are you fitting in?
