# Gospel of John Weekly Talk Ideas | Sean McGever

## John Chapter 1

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| Scripture suggestion, basic overview, and background:* Jn 1:1-3: (optional) The role of Jesus in creation
* Jn 1:14: God becoming man, grace and truth
* Jn 1:35-42: John the Baptist and his two disciples (Andrew & \_\_\_\_) / Come and see... spending a day with Jesus / Nickname, personal knowledge
* Jn 1:43-46: Phillip inviting Nathanial to “come and see”
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| Possible main point(s):* God doesn’t want us to be in the dark about who he is
* If you need grace and truth in your life, the best place to find it is in Jesus
* God knows us and invites us to come see who he is, without any prerequisites, all are invited
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| What this shows us about Jesus:* Jesus is the visible expression of the invisible God (Jn. 1:14 / Col. 1:15)
* Jesus is full (completely full) of grace and truth
* Jesus invites us to follow him, to come see who he is, no prerequisites
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| What this has to do with our life:* See for yourself who Jesus is, you don’t have to take someone else’s word for it
* Do you need grace? Do you need truth? They come together and are found in Jesus. Grace without truth is produces a short-term smile. Truth without grace produces a hard heart. Truth and grace put together form a deep and meaningful sense of belonging that is found deepest in Jesus Christ.
* There are no prerequisites to come and see Jesus. You are invited.
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| Relevant technical details:* Words to define (very briefly for YL talks):
	+ “word” (v.1,14= the nature of God himself (=Jesus, compare 1:14 w/ 1:17)
	+ “grace” (v.14) = “that which causes joy”
	+ “disciple” (v.35) = close friend, follower, learner
	+ “lamb of God” (v.35) = Jesus as God’s sacrifice for sin (see Jn. 1:29)
	+ “Messiah” (v.41) = “God’s anointed, God’s chosen one, a king” (Messiah=Christ)
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| Possible illustrations:* Hide something interesting under a box (picture of something, personal item, etc.), describe it for quite a while... later in the talk remove the box. Seeing is better than a description. This illustrates God describing himself throughout the Old Testament, etc. and then God revealing himself in Jesus.
* Hold up $5 and say, “whoever wants this can have it”, wait for someone to grab it. This illustrates the initiation to “come and see” (for yourself, not just watching someone else do it)
* Set up a table and a chair. Sit down and talk about spending quality time together. What would this be like with Jesus?
* Turn off the lights and describe “being in the dark about life/God” then turn on a flashlight, this is what God did in Jesus, but God pointed the light at himself for all to see.
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