

TAKING IT HOME

1. **Jesus In.** Few, if any, Christ followers would say they have too much Jesus in their lives. What is ONE way that you can change in your routine, thought process, or interactions with others that will allow you to experience Jesus more or differently this week?

2. **Jesus Out.** God has created us not only to experience intimacy with Jesus, but to be a part of the proclamation of Jesus to the world, from ourselves to the end of the earth. What is ONE way that you can proclaim Jesus this week?

NEXT STEPS

Which of these NEXT STEPS will you take in order to allow the God of Light and the God of Love to change you and the world around you?

- Do the insert *Deepening Your Walk with God*.
- Read 1 John in one sitting at least once (weekly if possible).
- Commit to Biblical living... no matter what.
- Live out love... because God loved us first.
- Share the light of Christ with someone in darkness.
- Trust in Christ alone for eternal life.
- Other: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

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The Word of Life

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

1 John 1:1-2 (NIV84)

Proclaim the Word of Life

Experience the Word of Life.

How do you fellowship with Jesus?

...we have heard...we have seen...we have looked at...our hands have touched... (1 John 1:1)

...so you may have fellowship with us...our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:3)

Proclaim the Word of Life.

How do you share Jesus?

...we proclaim...we testify...we proclaim to you the eternal life...We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard. (1 John 1:1-3)

Rejoice in the Word of Life.

How do you celebrate Jesus?

We write this to make our joy complete. (1 John 1:4)

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Deepening Your Walk with God

For the week of May 15, 2016

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at the Taking It Home section and Next Steps from last week, how did last week's sermon cause you to live differently?

(Be sure to check out lakeviewowego.com for additional resources for this week's sermon.)

MY STORY

1. What have you thought that the "Word of Life" refers to?

2. Describe a time when you really did not understand what God was doing during a difficult time. How did you handle the situation?

Take a few moments and thank God for His Sovereignty over all things. Ask Him to help you to trust Him in all circumstances.

1. Experiencing Jesus. Read 1 John 1:1-3. John was blessed to have experienced Jesus in the flesh while Jesus walked the earth. In what ways do we, who do not walk alongside Jesus in the flesh, experience Him on a daily/regular basis?

Read John 20:24-29. Now read it again replacing the word "believe" with "faith." Why does Jesus call you and me, who have not physically seen Jesus but believe/have faith, more blessed than someone who has physically seen Him?

2. Proclaiming Jesus. Read 1 John 1:1-3. Four times John uses the words "proclaim" or "testify" in these verses. List everything in these verses that John was proclaiming.

What is it from your own life that you have to proclaim about God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit?

Yourself:

List several ways that you do, or could, proclaim these things about God to the following groups:

Other believers:

People far from God:

3. Rejoicing in Jesus. John concludes these opening verses with the words "We write this to make our joy complete." What does it mean to you to have joy or rejoice in God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

List several ways that you do, or could, rejoice in God.