

# 1 John Under the Microscope | Loving Jesus

<sup>1</sup>That 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. <sup>2</sup>The 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. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete. 1 John 1:1-4

## Read 1 John 1:1-4

### 📍 Investigate:

*Using the passage to the left, do the following to investigate the observable details of the passage:*

- Underline how the author “experienced” or “witnessed” Christ
- Circle all references to Christ in this passage.
- Put a box around the things we are to do in this passage.

### 🗣️ Analyze:

*Analyze the details to find the meaning of the passage through group discussion:*

Why is it important that John was proclaiming what he had witnessed? (v.1)

“John's authority rests in part on his role as *witness*. The word translated “testify” and “to bear witness” has its roots in the sphere of legal terminology. As in a court of law, witnesses are responsible for the integrity and truthfulness of their testimony (Trites 1978:1049-50). Thus witnesses not only vouch for their personal experience of something, but for the truthfulness of what is stated. The Johannine community cherished those who were “witnesses” to Jesus.” IVP New Testament Commentary on 1 John

Who is John referring to when he writes that he has witnessed the “Word of Life?” (v. 2)

Where else in Scripture is Jesus referred to as “the Word?”  
Read John 1:1-5 and John 1:14. Why is he referenced in this way?

What do these verses teach us about the person of Jesus?

How can a Biblical understanding of Christ be challenged in the work place?

How has your understanding of Christ changed as a result of your life experiences?

Why is it essential that we have a proper understanding of Christ?

According to the following verses, why did John write this epistle? What was his desired result?

1 John 1:3-4

1 John 2:1

1 John 2:26

1 John 5:13

** Synthesize:**

*Synthesize the message of Scripture with life through application.*

What is one application that can be pulled from this passage that applies to the life of a Christ follower?

How are you pursuing fellowship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

How do you hope to grow or what do you hope to learn as a part of our study in 1 John?