

# We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some helpful information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out [westwoodcc.org](http://westwoodcc.org).

## Parenting Conference

Whether you are dealing with diapers or diplomas, you'll be encouraged at the parenting conference. Breakout sessions feature relevant topics. Saturday, January 19, 9:00am–3:00pm at the Chanhassen Campus. Cost includes lunch. Register online.

## Life Transformed

Life Transformed is a four-week experience that will equip you and challenge you to grow in your faith. Register online.

Bush Lake: Sundays, January 20–February 10, 10:30am–12:00pm  
Chanhassen: Sundays, January 20–February 10, 10:30am–12:00pm  
Minnetonka: Sundays, January 20–February 10, 11:30am–1:00pm

## UNSTOPPABLE: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

### Jesus, The Word

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

John 1:1–3

When you hear the name "God" what comes to mind?  
(Reframing the word "God")

What does John want us to know about this man Jesus whose words and works fill the pages of this Gospel?

• The \_\_\_\_\_ of His existence John 1:1a

• Why start "In the beginning?"

• Why call Jesus "the Word?"

• The \_\_\_\_\_ of His identity John 1:1c

• His \_\_\_\_\_ to God John 1:1b

• His \_\_\_\_\_ to the world John 1:2–3

## Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How can I live this out today?

- Genesis 1:1-4
- Proverbs 8:22-23
- Psalm 33:6
- John 1:1-3
- Psalm 90:1-2



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BUT THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT  
**YOU MAY BELIEVE**  
THAT **JESUS IS**  
THE MESSIAH, THE  
**SON OF GOD,**  
AND THAT BY BELIEVING  
YOU MAY HAVE  
**LIFE**  
IN HIS NAME.

JOHN 20:31

# UNSTOPPABLE



## UNSTOPPABLE #2

### *“Jesus, The Word”*

January 13, 2019

John 1:1-3

### SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. When you hear the name ‘God’ what comes to mind to you? Take a moment and reflect on the different way people in your circle of influence might respond to that question.
2. We learned in week 1 that the purpose of John’s writing is found in John 20:31. Re-read it. Please memorize it. Then read John 1:1-3. Whose personal name has not been named? Why would John start with a riddle like opening to his gospel when you would think he would open with something more clearly aligned with his purpose?
3. What does John want us to know about this man Jesus whose words and works fill the pages of this Gospel? Respond to the four things John wants us to know and the questions that follow.
  - a. **The time of His existence (John 1:1a):** John wants to start his gospel with the story line that is the same way the Hebrew Bible starts. What is significant about these three words ‘In the beginning’?
  - b. **The essence of His identity (John 1:1c):** What is the 4<sup>th</sup> word in the opening line of Genesis 1 – In the beginning \_\_\_\_\_? What is John wanting to claim here?
  - c. **His relationship to God (John 1:1b):** There are so many things happening here. John looks back making hyperlinks to the Hebrew Scriptures. John is using it to apply to his grid of Jesus as God and distinct from God. Take turns reading some of these fascinating links and share freely what stands out to you or speaks to you about them: Proverbs 8:22-23; 8:30; 3:19.  
Also notice the hyperlink about God’s breath. In Gen God speaks by His word things into being. Gen 1:3 “*And God said...*(a total of ten times in Genesis 1) God speaks. What do you do when you speak – The meaning of the Hebrew word “ruach” is **"breath," or "wind," or "spirit."** **Read Psalm 33:6.** Why call Jesus “The Word” rather than simply calling him by His name?
  - d. **His relationship to the world (John 1:2-3):** What does this say about the world and everything in it? The Word who became flesh and dwelt among us, taught us, healed us, rebuked us, protected us, loved us, and died for us *created* the universe. What is the implication for you and your life?
4. John is reframing our understanding of the name ‘God.’ Give a summary of how he has reframed it for you. Remember to retain the mystery of Trinity, and never diminish the majesty of the work of Christ as Creator. Close by offering sentence prayers in praise to God calling out His many attributes – ‘God we praise you for \_\_\_\_\_!’