

The Basis of Belief

1 John

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Beyond Belief

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Who is God? Why am I here? These are the big questions. And how we answer those questions have far reaching consequences for who we are and how we live our life. When we believe in Jesus, our life is transformed. This Palm Sunday, we will explore the basis of belief. This basis is the very personality of God.

REALIZE

1. God is light

- **Scripture Reference;** 1 John 1:5-9; John 8:12
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What attributes of God get me the most excited?

2. God is love

- **Scripture Reference;** 1 John 4:15-16; 1 John 5:11-13
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - How am I becoming more like Jesus?

3. God is life

- **Scripture Reference;** John 11:25-26
- **Questions for reflection**
 - How can God's love lead me to better love others?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?