

Starting Well #1: Meet Jesus (The Birth of We)
John 1:29-34

He has always been!

-John 1:1-3

He is and will always be: (Seven I AM statements of Jesus)

1. I am the bread of life (John 6:35, 48, 51)
2. I am the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5)
3. I am the door of the sheep (John 10:7, 9)
4. I am the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14)
5. I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)
7. I am the true vine (John 15:1)

Enter “you”

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:30-31 ESV, emphasis mine)

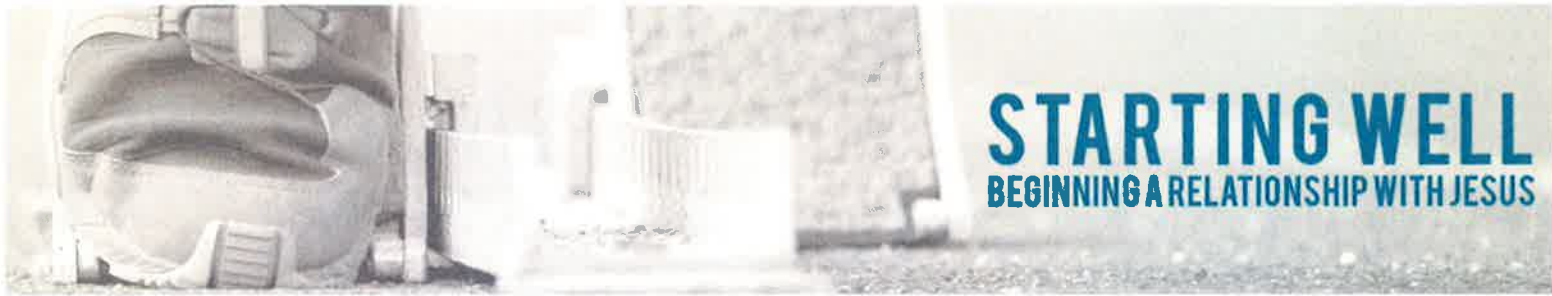
“The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” (John 1:9-13 ESV, emphasis mine)

BELIEVE:

RECEIVE:

RIGHT:

“THE BIRTH OF WE”:



Recommended Resources for Further Study:

- A good Study Bible for reading the Gospel of John (with commentary as needed)
- Frameworks: How to Navigate the New Testament - by Eric Larson
- FOLLOW - An 8-week video / book by Andy Stanley

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Take a moment to introduce yourself to those in your group. Share your name and a brief description of yourself, your family, your work, or whatever you are willing to convey to the group.
- 2) What are you hoping to gain from this “Starting Well” series?
- 3) Reflect on the 7 “I AM” statements of Jesus. Which one is most important / significant to you in this season of life?
- 4) Our teaching focused on three key words: BELIEVE, RECEIVE, and RIGHT. Which of these concepts is easiest to embrace for you? Which of these concepts is still a work in progress for you?
- 5) If you were able to speak to Nicodemus (John 3:1-15), what would you tell him about being “born again”?
- 6) As you look ahead to the next 5 sessions of this study, which one will likely be most relevant for you?

In Preparation for Next Week:

- Read John 1.
- Recall the time you met Jesus for the first time and share that with a friend.