

**John 1:1-5 - 'The Word of Life and Light'**

**Who is God, and what was he doing before he made the world?**

**1) The Word who is with God and who is God**

(v1-2)

**2) The Word who is life and who is light**

(v3-5)

**For further discussion**

- Does it matter how we think of God? Why/why not?
- What do we discover about the Word in v1-2? What parallels are there with Genesis 1:1-5? What point is John making?
- What is the problem with popular analogies for the Trinity such as the shamrock/clover, an egg, ice/water/steam?
- What difference does it make to us to know that God is Trinity?
- How has the life of the Trinity overflowed into creation? (v3-5)
- What does it mean for the Word to have life in himself?
- How did darkness try to snuff out the light? Did it succeed? What does this tell us about the kind of God that God is?
- How do these verses challenge and correct how we think about God? How do they encourage and gladden us?