

Series: LIGHT AND LIFE
Title: Beginningless Beginning
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1. What is your favorite part of the Christmas Story?
2. What stood out to you from Ron's invitation to take part in Advent? Can you see taking time to pause and reflect on Jesus bringing hope, peace, joy and love this season, or not? Don't forget Bob's challenge to read John 1:1-18 daily too.
3. Since there are four gospels, why do only two talk about Jesus' birth? Along with that, what's the focus of Matthew's account and Luke's?
4. Read John 1:1-18. Why is John's account so different? Why would Bob describe John's account as a "Grown-up" Christmas? See John 8:12.
5. What do-
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6. John's gospel starts the way the opening pages of the Bible do: "In the beginning." What is that about? Extra credit: what was before the beginning?
7. According to John, who is Jesus, how is he unique, and what is his role in the universe?
8. What does John mean when he describes Jesus as "the Word"? See also Colossians 2:9 and John 8:58 and Hebrews 1:3.
9. When the Jehovah's Witnesses tell you that Jesus was "a" god and not God, how would you use John 1:1-5 to respond?

10. Science attempts to explain *how* the universe began (cosmology). How does this passage help us understand the mystery of *why* it began? See also 1 Corinthians 8:6 and Colossians 1:15-17, Hebrews 1:1-3.

Hey small groups, be thinking of how you might take part in our upcoming **Christmas Prayer Vigil** Wednesday, Dec. 12 either before work at 6:am, or during lunch at 12:00pm, or, by taking time as a group sometime this month to pray that people will meet Jesus at our Christmas Eve Services.