

Week beginning January 15th 2024

John 1:1-14—The Apostles Creed—Vision Sunday

## Welcome

If you could choose one super-power, what would it be and why?

15 mins



## Worship

Psalm 100:4-5

Our annual vision Sunday encourages us to look back as a church and thank God for his many blessings.

Thinking about St Barnabas, what 3 things are you grateful for this past year? (you might like to give people space to think and write things down before sharing as a group). Turn your thoughts into a time of praise and thanksgiving.

15 mins



## Word

1. Read John 1:1-14
2. Vs 1—John deliberately opens his Gospel with the same words in Genesis 1:1. Why do you think he does this?
3. Invite the group to read the passage again for themselves—and after a couple of minutes ask if there was a particular verse or word which stood out and why.
4. The opening line of the creed says 'I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.' John 1:1-14 further fleshes out for us God's nature and character. Based on this passage how would you describe what God is like to another person?
5. 'We believe in God because God first believed in us' (Sunday's sermon) - John says something similar in his first letter—see 1 John 4:19. What does this mean and why is it good news?
6. Vs 10—why do you think people failed to recognise Jesus? And why do many fail to recognise Jesus today? Are the reasons different or similar?
7. 1:6-8—John's job was to bear witness—and so is ours—see Acts 1:8 Matt 5:14-16 1 Peter 2:9. As you seek to be like John, what do you find most challenging?
8. Finish the study by praying for each other—specifically around this question of being a witness and pointing others to Jesus.

50 mins



## Witness

Make time this week to re-read and pray through the Mission Action Plan. The MAP is under the ABOUT tab on the church website. Printed copies are available through the office.

