

## Sermon Discussion - 8 January 2023

Read 1 John 1:1-4 together.

### **Getting Started** *Sharing from personal experience*

Some people know “about” God and others actually “know” Him. What do you think the difference is? What does it take to really know God and experience a personal relationship with Him?

### **Observation** *Discovering the context*

What five New Testament books did the Apostle John write?

According to Mark 3:16-19 what was John's nickname? How do you think he got it? (Hint: Luke 9:51-56)

According to Matthew 4:21-22 how did John become a follower of Jesus?

### **Interpretation** *Discovering the meaning*

1. What is John explaining about Jesus in 1 John 1:1-2?
2. Read Psalm 90:2. Jesus has always existed outside of time. How would you explain that concept to someone?
3. Many people believe Jesus is a Christian myth or a fabricated lie made up by His disciples. What type of phrases do you see in verses 1-4 that shows John's conviction that Jesus was a real person who walked the earth?
4. How would you sum up the main reason why Jesus left heaven and came to earth?

### **Application** *Putting knowledge into practice*

- What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?
- Try memorising 1 John 1:3.  
*That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*
- How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week