More Than Words

JOHN 1:10-14

- When we <u>rejected</u> the Word, we shattered our <u>shattered</u> with God. 1:10-11

- When we <u>believe</u> in the Word, we are reborn into intimate relationship as God's <u>children</u>.

1:12-13

- When the Word became flesh, God Himself stepped into humanity to <u>restore</u> relationship with us. 1:14

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- 1. How are words important in building relationships? Can you think of any examples of this from your personal life?
- 2. Why does John describe Jesus as "the Word"? What passages of Scripoture might this bring to mind? How does this title relate to God's self-expression and relationship-building with humanity?
- How do verses 10-11 describe humanity's rejection of Jesus, and why is this rejection particularly tragic given who Jesus is? What are some ways we are tempted to reject Jesus today?
- 4. How does the sermon explain the three elements of genuine saving faith? Why are all three elements necessary?
- 5. The text says we are "born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." What are the three wrong ways people think they can be saved, and why are they insufficient?
- What difference does it make to know that you are a child of God? How does this comfort you? (see 1 John 3:1, Gal 4:6, Rom 8:15, Mark 14:36)
- Read John 1:14. What about this verse leaves you in awe and wonder of Jesus?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, <u>The Last Battle</u>

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