



EMOJIs and the Gospel of John - Chapter 1 questions

If you have never played the game “would you rather...” it is a game that allows you to think, listen, respond and continue the process until you want to move on to the next “would you rather ...” question. Some are easy questions and not much of a response is needed. An example of this would be, “Would you rather be a dog or a cat.” If you are a cat person, you will pick cat (even though you are wrong 😄). If you are a dog person, you would pick dog (and, you would be correct 👍).

Start by reading the introduction to John chapter one. Remember as you do this study to stop at each emoji and read the study note that ties to that emoji/verse. Now, let’s start with a “Would you rather...” question: Would you rather have the name your parents gave you, or would you rather rename yourself? If you would rather rename yourself, what would that name be and why?



Read John 1:1-2. Who was with God in the beginning?

Notice that the word “Word” is capitalized? The term for God is *Elohim*, and is actually plural, and points to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, all who were there in the beginning. “Word” is actually a singular term and points to one person. So the Word refers to God, or the person of God. In this case it means Jesus. If the Word (Jesus) was *with* God and the Word *was* God, doesn’t it make sense that one of the ways to draw *close* to God would be to spend time in His Word? What would that look like for you in your every day life?

Read the passage John 1:3-21 and the study notes for each of the emojis 👍🤔😱. Have you ever called someone by the wrong name or made the mistake of thinking a stranger was someone you knew? Share that experience and how it made you feel.



Read John 1:22-25 If John the Baptist/Baptizer was not the Christ, which means “Anointed One”, and he was not the prophet predicted by Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15, and he was not Elijah who was taken by a whirlwind to heaven in 2 Kings 2:11, then, according to these verses, who was he?

Read John 1:26-34 John and the study notes for  John 1:30 and  John 1:34 was God’s voice pointing others toward Jesus. How can you use your voice today to point others toward Jesus?

Jesus’s first disciples stopped everything they were doing and followed Him. One of the disciples, Philip, had to go tell his brother that they had found the person everyone had been looking for after all these years – the savior of the world. Who would be the first person you would share any good news with that you got and why? (Read John 1:35-42)

If you knew that following Jesus meant you would see great things, would you follow Him? What are some of those things you would have liked to see about Jesus in the time you walked alongside of Him as His disciple? What are some things you would not want to see? (Read John 1:49-51)

We have come to the end of chapter one. Now what? Well, let’s end with a “Would you rather...” question: Would you rather keep everything you discussed today to yourself, or share it with others? Who will you tell first?