

## John 1:1-8

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# The Word & the Witness

### 1) The Word – v. 1-5

- a) *In the beginning...*
  
  
- b) *...the Word*
  
  
- c) Relationship to God – v. 1-2
  - *the Word was...*
  - *the Word was...*
  - *the Word was...*
  
  
- d) Creator – v. 3-4
  
  
- e) Light of Men – v. 4-5

### 2) The Witness – v. 6-8

#### Praxis

1. If you need to win over an unsympathetic (hostile or indifferent) audience to your point of view, how would communication strategists encourage you to begin your presentation?
2. What approach characterizes John's opening words (John 1:1-5)?
3. Why do you think John takes this approach? (see also 1 Cor 2:1-5, 2 Cor 2:17)
4. Read Matt 3:1-12, Luke 3:1-9 – what parallels do you find between John the Baptist's method and John the Apostle's in John 1:1-5?