

The answers for BSP meeting #1 Group Time Sharing are as follows:

Question A:

They are intended to remind us of Genesis 1:1. The Word is the Second Person of the Godhead, who became incarnate in the Person of Jesus Christ. Answers may vary. Parallels include God, His creative Word present with Him in the beginning, light, life, the creation of all things, the "image" of God present in human flesh, a divine plan bringing order out of chaos and foreseen from the beginning, darkness and sin, God coming to His own and His own receiving Him not, the promise of redemption, etc.

Question B:

John's baptism was only preparatory: a baptism of repentance. It is sacramental baptism, instituted by Jesus (Matthew 28:19) that confers on us the divine life of the Holy Spirit and actually washes away our sins.