



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

"1 Corinthians 15:3-5" on December 2 & 5, 2021

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 affect your week?

DISCOVER: JOHN 1:14

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

John 1:14 "and the Word became flesh..." - Salvation was born on Christmas! His name was JESUS - Immanuel, God WITH us! After 400 years of silence from the prophets, God Himself became man so that He could bring restoration to a lost people – to bring us back to Him. He came into a culture that didn't know who God WAS; they knew God as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, a distant, far-off God. And the Word became flesh.....

From the beginning of time, God has desired intimacy with His children. He walked closely with Adam and Eve until their sin caused them to be driven from His Presence. In his message, Jason gave a fascinating journey through Old Testament history, describing the names by which Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and David 'knew' God.

- Review the history Jason gave us; was any of that new information for you? What do you learn from that history?
- How did that history help you understand the way the Jewish culture viewed/knew God at the time of Jesus' coming to earth as a man?
- Why is knowing that historical journey so important to our looking at our own walk with God?
- What does God's interactions with these characters throughout all of the OT tell you about the attributes/characteristics of the God we serve?

The 400 years of silence from the prophets prior to Jesus' being born as the Messiah was significant to how His message would be received. Jason made the statement that in the absence of truth, we create our own truth and we divide.....

- How did this play out in the Jewish culture, and how did that shape the way Jesus would be received?
- Have you ever felt so isolated and distant from God you didn't know how the gap could be closed? Describe that feeling.
- Do you know someone feeling that way right now, this Christmas season, that you could reach out to?
- What is 'truth' to you? Can you see evidence that the absence of truth in our culture is causing division right now?
- How can we respond to that as a church and as individuals?

God desires for us to know Him; He desires intimacy with each of His children. The Christmas story is the greatest love story ever told – Immanuel, God with us! God went SO far to restore us, He BECAME us!

- Who is God to you? Do you know HIM or His 'stats'? By what name(s) do you know Him?
- Do you think you mostly know ABOUT God, or do you really KNOW Him? What makes the difference for you?
- What will you do with this greatest love story ever told?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.