



Community Group Guide

“The Word Became Flesh”

Week of December 13

Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
 2. Who did you share the gospel with?
 3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?
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Scripture

Read *John 1:14-18*

Key Point From Message

What we need to see:

- God becomes man without ceasing to be God
- God chose to dwell among his people in the most personal way possible
- Moses pointed to grace and truth, Jesus was grace and truth
- The way that we see God is Jesus

Jesus' humanity:

- Shows God's intimate compassion
- Puts the love of God on display
- Shows us how to live
- Models missional intentionality for us

Other Scripture Referenced: *John 20:31; John 1:1-13; Matthew 1:1-17; Revelation 21:3; Exodus 34:6-7; Hebrews 4:15; Romans 5:8-9; Philippians 2:3-7; Matthew 28: 18-20*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

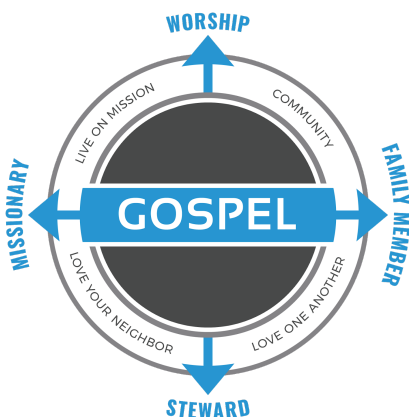


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. When you think of God's grace and truth what comes to mind? In what area of your life do you need to be reminded of God's grace and truth today?
3. Do you live your life trying to improve your progress report with God each week? How does forgiveness tell us we should live?
4. Our theology should always lead to right activity with our hands and hearts. Who are you blessing this holiday season?
5. God went to great lengths to spend time with people who were radically different from him. Who do you spend time with who is different from you?
6. In the Christmas story we see God demonstrated ultimate empathy by stepping into humanity's shoes to walk with us in our pain. Whose shoes do you need to step into so you can walk with them in their pain and suffering?
7. Who do you need to demonstrate grace to?

Action Step

The book of John was written so that we may believe Jesus is the Messiah. This week we saw how Jesus came and lived a life of grace and truth. As a group discuss how you can spread the grace and truth of Jesus to those around you. Discuss how you can get to know and bless your neighbors better as we approach a new year.

Memory Verse

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it.

-John 1:1-5 (CSB)
