

# Dependence doesn't just happen

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## SMALL GROUP NOTES

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### Theme

Tom introduced our new series for the coming term looking at how Jesus who was fully God yet complete dependent upon the father. How we can in living trusting & being dependent on God growing in listening prayer

### Scriptures

John 1:1-18

### Outline

On Sunday we looked at some of the most incredible passages in scripture. Tom journeyed us through two main points. Beginning with seeing how Jesus was truly divine that he'd been around since the beginning and was God, yet he was also truly dependent. Jesus was a follower more than a leader, reactive more than proactive as he followed his father. One of the key results of Christ's dependence was listening prayer. We see through this passage Jesus' dependence demonstrated from him been called the Son, that he was sent by the Father and has been given life by the Father.

The second was how we can be dependent and what it requires. Tim showed how Jesus has given us the right to be children of God which means been dependent. We also see that being dependent requires us to be a flexible and committed people. Jesus wonderfully modeled both these by becoming flesh, showing flexibility to God's plans and commitment through dwelling with us rather than visiting.

### Questions for discussion

- 1) How does seeing the divinity and dependency of Jesus in this passage encourage and challenge you?
- 2) Where in your walk with God do you need to grow in flexibility?
- 3) How can we as individuals and a small group live committed lives to God above anything else?

### Tags

Jesus, Trinity, Dependence, Divinity, Sin, Life, Growth, Change, Eternity, Flexibility, Commitment