



**Waiting in Wonder  
December 16, 2018**

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>15</sup> (John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.  
John 1:14-18

**Christmas Ought to Change Me**

**1. Infinite Comfort in the Face of Suffering**

John 1:14  
Job 6:11-13  
2 Corinthians 1:3-5

**2. Restful Hope in The Face of Chaos**

John 1:14  
Isaiah 9:6  
1 Corinthians 14:33

**3. Powerful Incentive to Serve Others**

John 1:14  
Luke 10:37  
Philippians 2:3-8

**Home/Group Study**

“He became what we are so that He might make us what He is.”

Athanasius of Alexandria

1. What have been your greatest Christmas memories? In what ways do they reflect the true meaning of Christmas?
2. How do you allow Christmas to change you?
3. In what ways does Jesus bring comfort to the suffering?
4. How might you build into your life a rhythm of rest, even around the holidays?
5. Who is served in the ways you celebrate Jesus coming into the world? How are they served?