

Sermon Discussion

Read John 1:1-18 together as a group. In this passage, we learn some amazing truths about Jesus. We learn that Jesus is fully God (v1-3) and fully man (v14) also known as the doctrine of the Incarnation of Jesus. He dwelt (literally pitched a tent) among us. He left the glories of heaven to spend time in our presence as a man yet remaining fully God at the same time.

Three important reasons why the Incarnation should make a difference our lives today?

- 1. Jesus is the only one who can reveal the unseen God to us (v18)
- 2. Jesus is the only one who can give you unifying purpose for your life (v1)
- 3. Jesus is the only one who has power to conquer darkness and evil (v4-5; Col 2:14-15)

Questions for reflection:

- 1. Pastor Brad said, "Our Christmas is incomplete if we don't focus on Jesus coming again" (Rev 19:11-16). As you reflect on the Incarnation of Jesus and the promise of His Second Coming; what areas of unbelief about these truths are having an impact on your life right now?
- 2. How can the hope of His Incarnation and His Second Coming have a practical impact on your life today? What would be different about your response to trials and temptations?
- 3. Are you really ready for His Return or do you wrestle with "having it all" and still being discontent with life? Or, do you live thinking "the grass is greener if only I had these things"? How can the group pray for you as you seek to make changes in your life this week?
- 4. Because of the Life of Christ, the power of sin, Satan and death has been broken for the Christian. Jesus death satisfied God's wrath for sin (propitiation). How can this truth help you overcome sin and persevere through suffering?
- 5. Take time to reflect on God's adoption of you into His family. Ephesians 1:5 teaches that He adopted us "according to his will and good pleasure". Take some time to reflect, worship and praise God for His grace in your life right now.

