

Series Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

June 13, 2021

John 1:14-18

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. According to verse 14, the Word became flesh. What does that tell us about how God feels about us that he would enter this sinful world?

2. Coming into a physical form makes Jesus vulnerable, subject to all of the ills of this world. Hebrews 4:15 says, "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things just as we are, yet without sin." How does it help us to know that he can relate to anything that you have gone through?
 - a. Knowing that God took human form makes Him more tangible. How does it help to know that God is not just an abstract concept?

3. Does God lose some of his divinity by taking human form?
 - a. Verse 12 says we can become children of God, but verse 14 says that Jesus is the only Son of God. What is the key difference?

 - b. What does that tell us about Him?

 - c. What does that say about us and our relationship to God?

4. The Word dwelt among them, as though He pitched his tent and lived in the midst of them. How is that different from how an Israelite might understand his relationship to God?
 - a. How is that different from how a Gentile might understand his relationship to God?

 - b. What important aspect of our relationship with God does this symbolize?

5. Jeff explained that the glory of God is not some brilliant shininess, but it is His goodness. How did Jesus' life and words reveal the glory (goodness) of God?
 - a. Can you think of examples?

6. Jeff defined truth as “seeing things from God’s perspective.” What does that mean?
 - a. Give examples of ways that God’s perspective differs from human perspective and how that changes the way we live.

7. Verse 17 says, “...grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.” So, the Law was an act of grace in expressing who God is, but how does Jesus better express grace?