



Group Curriculum

SERMON Incarnation: God Became Flesh (John 1:14)

DATE November 27, 2016

- Record in your own words what **INCARNATION** means.
- Review John 1:14:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Indicate (i.e. circle, underline, highlight) where the three points in this week's message come from:

- God became man: Astounding
 - God dwells with man: Astonishing
 - God reveals his glory to man: Awesome
- Using **John 1:1-18**, build a list of the characteristics of "the Word."
 - The presence of God dwelling among men and women is a powerful theme running through Scripture. Consider the following passages and complete the chart below:

Passage	Where is this?	How does God manifest his presence?
<i>Genesis 3:8</i>		
<i>Exodus 40:34-38</i>		
<i>2 Chronicles 5:2-14</i>		
<i>Matthew 1:18-23</i>		
<i>Revelation 21:1-4</i>		

- Consider this definition of what theologians call the "Hypostatic Union" of Christ:
 - Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man in one person.
 - Knowing that Jesus is fully man, how does that encourage you specifically today?
- Read **Hebrews 4:14-16**. If Jesus never gave into temptation even once, does that mean that he really doesn't know what it's like to be tempted like us?
- Suppose that a friend of yours has suffered a great loss this year, and is dreading the onset of the Christmas season. How could you wisely share **John 1:14** to them in a way that could encourage them?
- As you look at this Christmas season, what specific practices would intensify your affections for Jesus and his incarnation this December? What new things can you add to your list of traditions?