

GOD WITH US

TEXT: John 1:14-18

In this passage, John tells us that the glorious Christ he has written about in previous verses has arrived. Jesus is God in the flesh; God revealed to us. Every human heart experiences a longing for the fullness of joy and satisfaction. John tells us that from the fullness of Jesus we have all received grace upon grace. John wants us to not only recognize who Jesus is but also to receive the fullness of grace that he has to offer us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **HEAD:** Questions aimed at our minds to help us *understand* God's word.
 - Verse 14 tells us of one of the most incredible events in human history: The eternal Son took on human nature and lived among us as fully God and fully man, in one person. Why is it so critical that Jesus is both God and man?
 - Read Exodus 33:18–23. What does this passage teach us about God's glory? In light of this, what is John teaching us when he says "we have seen his glory" in verse 14?
2. **HEART:** Questions aimed at our affections to help us *love* God.
 - Read verse 17. John is not saying that the Law of God is bad and Jesus is good, but that Jesus came to do something that the Law could never do. What did Jesus do that the law, given through Moses, could never do?
 - Grace is unmerited favor from God. What does it mean for you to receive grace upon grace from the fullness of Jesus? (v.16)
3. **HANDS:** Questions aimed at our hands to help us *live for* God (Personally, Communally, and Missionally).

- In what ways are you tempted to look for fullness in something/someone other than Jesus?
- We can't get to God on our own, so God came down to us. How does this summary truth of John 1:14-18 serve as a frame-work for how you engage in the mission of God?

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- The Incarnation of God and The People of The Incarnation
<https://www.imb.org/2017/12/20/incarnation-god-people-incarnation/>
- The Word Became Flesh: The Ligonier Statement on Christology.
<https://www.christologystatement.com>