

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

In this sermon, Pastor Andrew delves into the profound mystery and significance of the Incarnation as presented in John 1:1-18. The sermon highlights how the Word, who was with God and was God, became flesh and dwelt among us. This act of God becoming man is not just a historical event but a divine mission to restore and redeem a broken world. Pastor Andrew challenges us to reflect on the implications of the Incarnation for our lives, encouraging us to live out the grace and truth embodied by Jesus.

SHARE

As an ice-breaker, share a moment when you felt a deep sense of awe or wonder during the Christmas season. How did that experience shape your understanding of Christmas?

READ

As a group, read **John 1:1-18** out loud together.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What most stood out to you about the sermon?

2. How does John 1:1-5 deepen our understanding of the birth of Jesus compared to the accounts in Matthew and Luke?

3. Pastor Andrew mentioned that the Word-became-flesh is God's decisive answer to the ache of a fallen world. How does this perspective change the way you view the Incarnation?

4. In John 1:14, the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. What does this tell

us about God's desire for relationship with humanity? Consider the theological implications of God "tenting" among us.

5. Reflect on the statement: "The Nativity is not the end of a story—it's the beginning of a mission." How does this shape your understanding of Jesus' birth and its purpose?

6. The sermon referenced the song "Mary, Did You Know?" How does the idea that Mary kissed the face of God impact your view of the Incarnation?

7. How can we, as followers of Christ, embody the grace and truth of Jesus in our daily lives, especially during the Christmas season?

NEXT STEPS:
Consider one practical way you can reflect the light of Christ in your community this week. Share your plan with the group and commit to praying for each other as you take this step.

PRAY:
Spend time in guided prayer, thanking God for the gift of the Incarnation. Pray for the strength to live out the grace and truth of Jesus in your words and actions. Lift up any specific needs or requests within the group.

CLOSING:
Encourage each other to continue reflecting on the significance of the Incarnation throughout the Christmas season. Remind the group of the ongoing mission to live as transformed image-bearers of Christ.