

Sermon Outline

God With Us

John 1:1-18

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Main Idea: Our Holy God has come in human flesh to live us life and grace

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1. The Word in Divine Glory (v1-8)
 - a. Eternal
 - b. Creator
 - c. Life and Light
2. The Word in Human Flesh (v9-18)
 - a. The mystery of the Incarnation
3. The Word is Full of Grace
 - a. One light, two responses
 - b. Grace upon grace

Key Quotes:

"The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory..." John 1:9,14

"Though he became what he was not, he did not cease to be what he was. He who continued to fill all things and to sustain all things, also became contained in a virgin's womb and was sustained by a human mother, living simultaneously the massive life of Godhead and the creaturely and painful life of humanity." -Peter Lewis

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read John 1:1-18 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss the clear and matter-of-fact teaching of Scripture—Jesus, the Son of God, is both fully God and fully Man.
3. As Greg mentioned, the prologue of John is packed with words and themes that unfolds in the remainder of his gospel. What are some of the ways that John reveals Jesus as "light and life?" Discuss why these stories are relevant and how strongly John believes that in hearing and believing that they are true will lead to salvation (see John 20:31).
4. Under point 3 above, Greg said, "Our Holy God has come in human flesh to give us life and grace." Discuss how you are doing in believing that. Discuss if any circumstances are pressing in on you in ways that are challenging your faith or joy. As so clearly expressed in the Psalms, God understands our struggles and laments. We live in a fallen world and suffering is so very real. But as Greg reminded us, God never runs out of grace.
5. Close your time in prayer together asking God to pour out fresh grace for each member of the group.