

Week of December 21, 2025 - He Dwelt Among Us! Small Group Lesson

Connect

What is the biggest news event you remember waiting to hear about or watch on TV? Why was it so important? Was it good news for you and everyone?

Verses - John 1:1-18 (CSB)

READ ALOUD:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name, 13 who were born, not of natural descent, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God. 14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him and exclaimed, “This was the one of whom I said, ‘The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.’”) 16 Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, 17 for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father’s side—he has revealed him.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What three specific statements are made about "the Word" (v.1)? What makes them profound?

2. Looking at vv.10-13, how did "his own" people respond to him, and what promise is given to those who did receive him?

3. In v.14, what did the Word become, and what two specific qualities does the author say he was “full of”? What does this say about Jesus’ first coming?

4. Verse 17 makes a comparison between two people. What does the text say was given through Moses, and what came through Jesus Christ? What’s the difference and why is this good news?

Share

DISCUSS 1

Have you ever been in a situation in life where you felt like you were "driving in the dark" without a map? According to the sermon, Jesus guides us to "eternal life". What would it look like practically to let Jesus be the "car in front of you" right now?

DISCUSS 2

Pastor Takeshi shared a memory of waking up at 4:00 AM to watch the Apollo 11 moon landing because it was a historic event "advertised everywhere." Do you think people today feel that same excitement or urgency about Jesus? If John the Baptist’s job was to "advertise" Jesus, how can we do that today?

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.