

Grace Church Small Group Discussion Guide

The Word Become Flesh

Scripture: John 1:14

Arrival / Social Time (15-20 minutes)

Spend the first 10 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Ask people to share things that they are thankful for, and thank God for those things out loud as a group. (5-10 min)

Sermon Review (5-10 minutes)

John 1:15—"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." The heart of God has always been to go. He steps into brokenness and brings hope. He is the one that has sought us out. Because of his heart, and because of his pattern of love, we are able to love others and invited to join with God's passion for restoring the whole Earth.

The Main Thought (keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion)

Where and how are we called to dwell in God's big heart for the World?

SEE IT—QUESTIONS (10-15 min)

1. **(Picture)** God could have told us about himself a lot of different ways, how else might God have chosen to show us more about himself. Why did he choose to become flesh and dwell among us? What does that tell us about God?
2. **(Mirror)** It is much more comfortable to live out mission through intervention instead of incarnation. It's easy to just pass through places or just to drop in for a limited amount of time and call that mission. Think about all the places you go and where your borders are. Think about where you eat? Live? Work? Play? Where is God calling us to dwell instead of just drive-through? Pick just one of those places and imagine what it would be like to have more presence and influence in that place.
3. **(Window)** Where could God be calling us to be more present this year? What would it look like to live more incarnationally and more intentionally in those places? Where is God at work around you and how could you join in what he is already doing there?

BE IT—Practice

Change UP // Exercise (5 minutes)

Jon talked about the seeds that God had planted in his heart (from comic books and songs) that grabbed him and gave him a heart for the nations. Where are places and peoples that God has drawn your heart towards? What part of God's missional heart has he placed inside of you? (The homeless, foster care, the unreached, etc) Take a few minutes to write those things down and think about how he's made you and how he's shaped your story.

Change IN // Group Activity (10 min)

Share as a group some of those things that God is doing in your hearts. Write them on a whiteboard or sticky notes and see where people have similar interest.

Change OUT // Life Application Assignment (5 minutes)

Break up into groups according to where there is overlap and similarity. Pray for that passion and ask God what he might be calling you into there this year.

Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.