

BIG CHURCH WORDS

Week 3

BRBC Groups

January 16, 2022

Scripture

John 1:1-18

Ice Breaker

1. Share an experience where you spent an extended period of time with a small group of people. What was it like? Even though it may have happened years ago, do you still think of it from time to time?

Going Deeper

1. What does the word Incarnation mean to you? Is there a better word to describe what incarnation means today?
2. Read John 1:1-18
3. This poem captures the essence of who Jesus is. He opens the passage with "In the beginning was the Word...". What does John mean when he says this?
4. Through this passage the Word is or becomes other things. Identify these other things. What do each of these transformations mean to you?
5. In verse 12 what does "...he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" mean to you?
6. In verse 14 John says "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling amongst us." What does that statement mean? The idea of God having a dwelling amongst us was not new. What were the previous examples and how were they different from what John is describing?
7. In verse 18 John says "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." Gord described how prior to the coming of Jesus, the human perspective of God was narrow and was like the view of the sky from the bottom of a well. How did the coming of Jesus change that perspective?
8. Gord spoke of sign posts scattered through the Old Testament. Can you identify more sign posts?
9. How is the conversation between Jesus and Peter on the beach different or similar to the one between Abraham and God when the sacrifice of Isaac is stopped? (John 21:15-19 and Genesis 22: 9-14).

