

# Emmanuel

GOD WITH US

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### DISCUSSION GOAL



*Discuss how we see the glory of God in the incarnate Jesus (Jesus as man). Help your group members see how the saving work of Jesus shows us God's love. Discuss what our response should be when we experience and see the glory of God.*

### ICE BREAKER



What is your favorite Christmas tradition and when do you plan on partaking in the tradition this year?

### TEXT



*Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.*

### John 1:14-18 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

### MESSAGE OUTLINE



*This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.*

Big Idea: See the glory of God!

Key Question: How can we see God's glory?

1. Behold the person of Jesus. (vv. 14-15)
2. Behold the work of Jesus. (vv. 16-17)

## DISCUSSION



- Read John 1:1-3 What does this passage teach us about Jesus? Why do you think Jesus is referred to as the Word (Greek: Logos)?
- In John 1:14-15, John tells us that Jesus (the Son of God) became flesh and dwelt among us. How does the “incarnation” of Jesus (Jesus becoming man) provide a way for us to “see” God?
- Verse 14 says “he dwelt among us.” How does the humanity of Jesus make God more approachable to us? Do you still view Jesus as dwelling among us?
- The scripture tells us that God is invisible and that no one has ever seen God (John 1:18). How does the concept of God becoming a human being challenge or reshape your understanding of God?
- Read John 3:16-17. This is the work of Jesus. John 1:16 calls it “grace upon grace.” How does this work reveal the love of God, and what impact does it have on our lives?

## LIFE APPLICATION



*Jesus, the Son of God, became a man so that we might see a glimpse of God’s glory. His work shows us the love and grace of God, and through Him, we receive the fullness of grace and truth. As a group talk about what it means to receive the fullness of Jesus’ grace and truth in your life. Come up with a plan as to how you can daily “look to Jesus” during the Christmas season, to better understand God’s glory.*

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



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