

Vote for Jesus

Foundations

John 1:14,18

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

This week we move our focus of the Apostles' Creed to Jesus, with the claim that God became flesh and dwelt among us. The fact of the incarnation is that the glory of God, once contained only in the tabernacle, is now revealed in Jesus. ***In reading the scripture passage, what do you think of when you hear "God's glory?" What has been revealed to you through the study of it so far?***

Because God has lived among us, He understands the range of human joy and suffering. Scripture shows us just how approachable and relatable He was to those around Him. ***How do the stories of Jesus' interactions with others help us see what God is truly like? How might you affirm to yourself how He understands you, by completing this sentence: Believing that God embraces every depth of human emotion, I know that he understands _____.***

Today, God continues to "move into the neighborhood" through us. Instead of sheltering from the world when we are troubled, we can confidently follow Jesus into the world and all its brokenness. ***When we work alongside Jesus in the world, how does He help uncover our creativity and skills so that his love can be shown to others? What has He revealed about the unique ways you were created?***

How does this Dali painting, [*Christ of St. John on the Cross*](#), reveal the relational nature of the God?

God longs for our attention during this Lenten season. The Lenten journey is not about perfection but a relationship with Him. ***If we desire to grow in our relationship with Him, what are some ways we can re-focus our attention so that we are busy with the right things?***

Heavenly Father, You came down to meet us as we are so You could know the full scope of our hearts and emotions. We give all the power and glory to You, and want to spend time with you. Open our hearts so that we can hear your voice and walk alongside you. Amen.