

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## The Wonder of Christmas

**Week 1: He is the Word**

**John 1:1-3**

**Week of November 29, 2020**

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We kicked off a new four-week series on the prologue of the Gospel of John. These eighteen verses will provide us a theological description of the birth of Jesus. This series promises to help us appreciate Christmas like never before! The first week was a study of the meaning of Christ as the Word!

**Kicking it off:** Tell us about your Christmas tree. Real or fake? White or colored lights? Pre-lit? Homemade ornaments?

### **Discussion:**

1. Reread *John 1:14* The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

In the first century, both philosophers and theologians celebrated the concept of “The Word.” Why did John use this popular term?

2. Reread *John 1:1-3* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made.

The baby lying in the manger looked like a normal child, but actually He was extraordinary in many ways. What do these verses tell us about the unique nature of Jesus?

3. Jeff declared that Jesus is an amazing intersection of “Transcendence” and “Imminence.” What does this mean?
4. Jeff shared of being “starstruck” when meeting Bear’s legend Mike Singletary. Why are we not more starstruck when meeting God through prayer?
5. How does the birth of Christ reveal God’s desire for a relationship with us?
6. What makes you feel relationally connected to God?
7. What could you do to deepen your relationship with the Lord?

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that this Christmas season will be a time of unique renewal in our relationship with God.