

## 1) REVIEW

*John 1 - In the beginning was the word, that word was with God and the Word was God. vs 14 And the word became flesh and dwelt among us... vs 18 No one has ever seen God, the only God that is at the Father's side, he (Jesus) has made him known.*

*Matt 13:54 and coming to his hometown he taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"*

### 4 Aspects of the Jesus's incarnation

**Presence** - Jesus was not just a representative (Abraham, Moses), but actually here.

**Proximity** - He befriended the outcast and lived life in proximity with the broken and the lost.

**Power with humility** - He shuns all normal notions of coercive power and demonstrates for us how love and humility reveal the power and glory of God that transforms us.

**Proclamation** - Jesus used our language and elements of common life to explain the kingdom of God and his work on the cross to usher it in and bring us into it.

## 2) ASK

### What are some of the implications of how we are to live on mission?

**Presence - God was in Nazareth for 30 years before anyone knew.**

- affirms normal human living.
- takes time to become part of the fabric of the community
- highlights role of relationships in mission
- Jesus does more than "tolerate" people. Jesus deeply enjoys people. They infer that God likes them too.

**Proximity - Jesus lived among those he was called to reach.**

- implies a focused, long-term approach
- available and flexible

**Power with humility -**

- servant of all, seeking the welfare of others
- free to focus on others, not our needs or agenda. ask questions about their life...
- confession of weakness.
- Nature of humility.... people have to SEE your life. You CAN'T tell them about it!

### **Proclamation**

- He was just as compelling as a person as was his message. The life of Jesus was as much of his message as was the cross of Jesus.
- Remember: Jesus' life helps us know how to proclaim his death. **Its also talking about the life of Jesus that prepares people to understand and appreciate the death of Jesus...**

**What aspects of Jesus' incarnation challenge your understanding of God?**

**(Who else is challenged by that?)**

**As ambassadors, we are called to live incarnationally. What would this look like for you? Your family?**

**What are some natural barriers to this? (time, energy, etc)**

**What are some sinful barriers to this? (selfishness, unbelief, lack of love)**

**What stories about Jesus do you find most compelling? Are you able to tell people about compelling aspects of Jesus, his actions and character?**

### **ACTION**

**What is one thing you can do THIS WEEK to become a deeper part of the fabric of the community you are called to make disciples in?**

**Who in this community should you be praying for this week?**