

Rockford Reformed Church
John 1:14 - “God’s Glory Revealed”
12/23/18 – Pastor Tim Meendering

Questions for family/small group discussions:

1. Incarnation means _____. It is the act by which the eternal Son of God took our human nature into union with his Divine nature, through the virgin birth. What is most amazing to you when you think about God making “his dwelling among us”?

2. John 1:14 says that “we have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only...” Read Exodus 33:15-23. What do we see here as being at the heart or essence of God’s glory and then what does it mean that Jesus reveals this glory? What are some examples or how do you see that Jesus reveals God’s glory?

3. Read John 2:1-11, Psalm 34:8. What aspect of God’s glory is “tasted” and revealed to us through Jesus’ first miracle here?

4. When you read John 3:16 and it says that God so loved the world, what does the world represent here? Scholar D.A. Carson wrote that the world represents these kinds of characteristics: _____, _____, _____, _____, _____. What does it mean to you if God loves such a sinful mess?

5. Read Philippians 2:5-8. We said that the greatest glory revealed is his humility in that Jesus became poor and was placed in a feeding trough so that thirty years later he could hang on a cross. What makes this glory so amazing and how does it impact you?

6. Read John 20:30-31, 2:11, 12:46. What is to be our response to John’s record of God’s glory revealed through Jesus and what is the amazing benefit to our response?

7. We see in John 17:22 and 13:15 that we are to reveal his glory as his glory is revealed to us. You are to be to _____ what Jesus has become for you. You become the _____ of God wherever you go. You are to move into the _____. Just as Jesus moves toward and changes you—so you are to move toward and lead others to this same change. What are some practical ways that you could be intentional about doing this? Name at least one person whom you will specifically pray for and pursue.

8. The story of Father Damien illustrates how Jesus sacrificed himself and said, “We lepers...” What stories and aspects of Jesus’ incarnation and life most propel you to become his presence for others?

Additional resources to consider:

- [The Tangible Kingdom: Creating Incarnation Community](#), by Hugh Halter
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