

### **Making Application from the Message to Life:**

5. In a moment of self-examination, consider what you have done with “the Word.” How has the Word, Jesus Christ, come alive in your own life?

6. How does our understanding of the Word made flesh help us worship and glorify Jesus rightly? How does it help us to approach Him with confidence?

7. How can we proclaim the light of Christ, this Word made flesh, throughout this Christmas season? What practical steps can we take to make Him known?

## **The Miracle of the Approachable God**

**John 1:14**

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Through the incarnation, God becomes approachable.

### 1. Ponder the Nature of the God-Man

✧ And the Word... (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:17; 2:9; Hebrews 1:3, 8)

✧ Became... (Galatians 4:4-5)

✧ Flesh... (Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 John 3:5)

### 2. Consider the Mission He Fulfilled

✧ And Dwelt... (Matthew 8:24-27; Philippians 2:5-8)

✧ Among Us... (Matthew 1:23; Hebrews 2:17-18)

### 3. Respond with a Heart of Adoration

✧ Do I see His glory? (Hebrews 9:24-29; 10:19-22; Revelation 1:12-18)

✧ What does His glory produce in me? (Hebrews 4:16)

### **Digging Deeper:**

2. Read John 1:1-14, and then make any initial observations you have regarding what John is saying about Jesus and His nature. How do your observations help you to see God's plans and purposes in sending Christ into the world?

3. By considering other passages of Scripture and the overall narrative of the Bible, where do you see evidence that much of Christ's mission in coming to the world has been and continues to be fulfilled?

### **Message-Based Discussion Questions**

1. How do you normally handle a subject that is difficult to understand? What do you do when subjects such as the nature of God prove to be hard to understand or explain?

4. How does this text in John 1 help prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas?