WEEK SIX

THE WORD MADE FLESH

John 1:14

DISCUSSION 1

The claim that God took on human form is incredibly miraculous and lays a foundation for the doctrine of atonement. However, this belief also creates great controversy and questions.

- 1. When Christ took on human form, did this diminish or remove His divine nature? Why or why not? Consider reading Phil. 2:5-8.
- 2. Why was it necessary for Christ to become flesh in order to rightfully and completely forgive our sins?
- 3. How does the fact that Christ not only "became flesh," but also "dwelt among us" for many years bring you hope (particularly in times of temptation)?

DISCUSSION 2

Jesus did not become man only to seek and save sinners, or display His power through miraculous acts. His time on earth also further revealed who God is to humanity.

- 1. Without Christ physically present on earth, can we experience and see the glory of God today? If so, how?
- 2. What truths and characteristics of God are uniquely revealed or emphasized through the earthly ministry of Christ?
- 3. Just as Christ revealed the glory of God, how might we, as Christians, also reveal the glory of God in our lives?

DISCUSSION 3

One of the beautiful realities of Christ's incarnation is that He came in grace and truth to free the world from condemnation and lies.

- Although God was gracious to reveal His holiness through the Law, how
 is the grace revealed through Christ unique and superior to that of the
 Old Covenant (See Heb. 8:6-13)?
- 2. Often, grace and truth can be seen as rivaling concepts. How does the grace that Christ displays complement His truth? How does His truth complement His grace?
- 3. How can we, as Christians, show grace to others without sacrificing truth? How can we show truth without sacrificing grace?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

- 1. Talk about who Jesus is. Ask your children how Jesus is like them and how He is different than them.
- 2. Discuss the ways Jesus teaches us about God. What does He teach us?
- 3. John 1:14 says that Christ is full of grace and truth. How would you describe the word "grace"?

APPLICATION

Individual: Reflect on the significance of Christ's incarnation as it relates to His ability to live perfectly and accomplish what you could not. Praise God for the work He has graciously achieved through the work of Christ. Consider finding a song that emphasizes this reality and use it to worship and thank the Lord this week.

Group: Discuss some areas in your life where you have failed to balance grace and truth. Consider what you can do this week to better reflect the complementary grace and truth that we see in Christ. Pray for each other as you feel led.