

Be Reformed – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

Be Charismatic – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

Be Community – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

Be Missional – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own,

and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Study Guide 11 December 2011 – Dwell: Who is God?



Summary

Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birth. Why is Jesus' birth significant? Jesus is God's personal message to us. He is the embodiment of God – a revelation of who He is. God's glory is the visible, tangible way in which He reveals Himself to us – Jesus Christ.

The glory of God is seen in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. In the birth and life of Jesus, we see God's power and humility.

He does this to reveal Himself to us – to show to His children who He is.

Key points

God came to reveal Himself to us in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the full revelation of God to us.

Questions

- >>Why does God want to reveal Himself to us?
- >>Why did God reveal Himself as a human being?
- >>Why should we want to know about God?
- >>What should our response to God's revelation of Himself be?

Final thoughts

Take a few moments each day to ponder the awesome power of God, and the unbelievable humility of this act of incarnation – Jesus becoming a man.