Sermon Title: Reclaim the Wonder: The Gift of God With Us

Sermon Scripture: John 1:1-14



# Sermon Discussion Guide (12/14)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### Scripture

Read John 1:1-14 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

#### Observation

In these verses, what is the relationship between light and darkness? What is the promise Jesus makes to us relating to light in the darkness?

What gift does Jesus give to all those who receive Him? How does this gift change our identity and purpose for life?

Read John 1:14 again slowly. What do you see as the main idea of this verse? What does this verse reveal to us about God?

Read Matthew 1:22-23. What is the significance of the name Immanuel? Why do you think this name is included in Matthew 1?

## **Application**

The introduction of the sermon emphasized a need for connection and purpose. Where do you have a desire for greater connection or purpose in your life? How might Jesus be offering you a way to meet this desire?

Pastor Matt said in the sermon that Jesus's presence is personal, transforming, and permanent. How do these qualities about Jesus's presence speak to you in your current season of life?

How has becoming a child of God changed your life and identity? How might God be inviting you to more fully live into this identity through participating in His mission in the world?

Through this sermon, how is God calling you to begin or deepen your relationship with Jesus? What is one step you can take this week to answer the call that God is offering to you?

## Prayer

Lord, remind me I am your child; You are full of grace and truth toward me.