

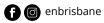
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► PRAYER

We thank you, God, for the gift of Jesus as the hope and light of all men. We ask that you align our hearts with the reason we celebrate Christmas. We pray that Jesus becomes the centre of why we celebrate Christmas, amidst the other things that can become the focus of the season like gifts and parties. We pray that you will give us the courage to proclaim Christ, the greatest gift of all, to our friends and family this season. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

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How do you celebrate Christmas as a family? What do you usually do at this time of the year?



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

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.

JOHN 1:1-5,14

While some of us celebrate the birth of Jesus during the Christmas season, it is easy to overlook something equally important as His arrival—the reason He was born. The Gospel of John gives us a good idea of this reason and starts by introducing Jesus as the Word of God. In fact, the Greek word, *logos*, literally means "word" or "reason." This is a fitting description of who Jesus is, as we unwrap the purpose of His coming. Today, we will look at Jesus as the Word of God and what this means for the redemption of mankind.

■ GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = never; 10 = always), how would you rate your consistency to remember Jesus' birth during the Christmas season? Why have you rated yourself this way?
- What do you think a life with Jesus looks like? How is that different from the life you used to live?
- 3. When you read the passage above from John 1:1-5 and 14, why do you think this passage is critical for our faith in who Jesus is? How did you come to the point of believing that Jesus—the Son of God and the Word of God—is God?
- 4. Verse 14 says Jesus as the Word became flesh to live among us. He became lowly and appeared to the lowly. Jesus is truly the Word made flesh and the perfect revelation of the Father. Do you believe this to be true in your life, that Jesus became lowly for you? If so, how can you proclaim this truth to those you will meet this Christmas?

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, would you choose today to trust him? Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am yours, and you are mine. In Jesus' name, Amen.

