

Group Reflection Questions

1. What's your favorite Christmas tradition?
2. Is it easier for you to think of Jesus as God or as a human?
3. How are we strengthened at the Lord's Supper?
4. Do you feel more or less spiritually alive during the Christmas season?
5. How has following Jesus changed your daily life?

The Incarnational Stream: Jesus Christ

John 1:1-4

I'm not quite sure if anyone is going to be reading this right around Christmas Eve—if you do, drop me an e-mail. So for those of you who are reading: “The Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us,” is what John literally writes here. Paul tells us in Philippians that Jesus had to “empty” himself in order to come and live among people. He had it all and He gave it all up for us and our salvation.

The salvation is not the kind of salvation that stands far off and waves a magic wand to grant our wishes. No the salvation Jesus brings is one that get down into the dirt and mud of life. As a man, as a carpenter, as a son, as a friend, he understood what it means to be human, better than anyone else.

When we come to the table we are reminded of that flesh he took on. We are reminded that he also had to eat and drink to stay alive. While being subjected to life just like the rest of us, he lived life more than any of us as he gave his body and his blood so we might live His kind of life too, both now and forever.