

Incarnation

Small Group Questions

The following questions are intended to start conversations. Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.



Incarnation (from Latin: *in-*, in, and *caro*, flesh). The act of the Son of God becoming a human being. When Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was born in Bethlehem. He did not stop being God; he also took on a fully human nature.

- How would you describe the incarnation to someone who had never heard this story? What makes it difficult to understand?
- Read **John 1:1-18**. What stands out to you?
- How does John connect the incarnation with creation? Why would our view of creation influence our view of incarnation?
- Why was it necessary for the Word (Jesus) to become human?
- Read **1 John 1:1-4**. What stands out to you? How does this understanding of God differ from other religious traditions?
- What difference does it make that Jesus was born into a real human body and walked on the same earth as you?
- How does the idea of Jesus eating breakfast, waiting in line, laughing with friends, being misunderstood, or a myriad of other human experiences make a difference to your faith or your experience of God? Be specific.
- If someone asked why the incarnation matters to you, what would you say?

Further Reading (optional)

<https://in-the-meantime.com/2012/12/12/should-we-believe-the-unbelievable-four-questions-to-consider-about-the-incarnation/>