

God With Us | Week 5

Introduction

This week, we explored one of the most profound truths of Christianity: God became human. John 17:3 tells us that eternal life is knowing God and Jesus Christ whom He sent. But how do we know what God is like? Jesus is the answer. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. The incarnation—God taking on human flesh—has four powerful impacts on our lives. First, God is relatable because Jesus experienced everything we experience. Second, salvation is possible because Jesus came to redeem us and adopt us as God's children. Third, suffering is meaningful because God comforts us so we can comfort others. Fourth, your value is unquestionable because while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Jesus didn't just tell us about God—He showed us who God is by becoming one of us.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- If you could spend one day doing exactly what Jesus did in His ministry, what would you want to experience and why?
- When you pray or think about God, do you find it easier to connect with Him as a distant Spirit or as Jesus, who walked among us?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Scripture Observation:

1. Read [John 17:3](#) and [Hebrews 4:15](#). In your Bible, underline the phrase "*empathize with our weaknesses*" in Hebrews 4:15. What does it mean that Jesus can empathize with everything we experience?

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

2. How does Jesus becoming human help us understand what God is really like?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus was "tempted in every way, just as we are" yet did not sin?
4. How does seeing God through Jesus' actions—like healing the sick, eating with sinners, and showing compassion—change the way people usually think about God?

Personal Application:

5. Of the four impacts of the incarnation—God is relatable, salvation is possible, suffering is meaningful, your value is unquestionable—which one do you most need to be reminded of right now?

6. Jesus is the exact representation of God's heart. Which of His qualities (like grace, kindness, truth, or compassion) do you need to be reminded of most in your life right now?

For Further Exploration (Optional)

Read [Hebrews 1:3](#). What does it mean to you that Jesus is the "exact representation" of God? Read [Romans 5:8](#). What does it reveal about God's love that Christ died for us "while we were still sinners"?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group time in prayer. You can use these words or your own:

"Jesus, thank You for coming to show us who God is. Help us to see You clearly this week and trust in Your goodness. Help us live in the truth that You understand our struggles, that salvation is possible, that suffering has meaning, and that our value to You is unquestionable. Amen."

Practices to Help You Grow This Week

- Reflect: Read one story of Jesus in the Gospels and ask, "What does this tell me about God?"
- Act: Find one person who needs to see Jesus' love and serve them this week.
- Remember: "If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus."

Announcements

We follow Jesus by doing what He did. Jesus modeled for us to give, serve, and invite. Easter season gives us a great opportunity to do all of these things:

- [Give](#) to the special Easter offering for Convoy of Hope
- [Serve](#) on a volunteer team to help welcome hundreds of new guests to our church
- [Invite](#) someone to join you for Easter services and introduce them to the good news about Jesus