

IMPACT GROUPS

Week #3: Oct. 1 - Oct. 5, 2019

"The Jesus Trip"

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Link to sermon:



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Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

Ice Breaker: What is your full name? Do you know why your parents named you that? What is your nickname and who uses it?

Scriptures:

Mathew 1:21-23 *"And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

John 1:1-3 *"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him."*

Colossians 2:9-10 *"For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority."*

Galatians 4:4-5 *"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."*

Discussion Questions

1. Where did God live in the Old Testament? Was God and His presence readily accessible to people?

2. Why do you think that the Old Testament presented such a chasm between God and humanity?
3. Read Matthew 1:21-23. Rehearse some of the prophetic words fulfilled in Jesus birth. Which prophecy does this verse refer to?
4. With so much riding on a coming Messiah, what does it tell you about God that He was willing to put his whole plan in such a vulnerable and precarious position - in the life and body of a human baby?
5. Read John 1:1-3. What do these verses tell us about the Word? Describe the Word.
6. Malachi 3:1 says "The Lord whom you are seeking will come suddenly to his temple." What temple is he talking about? Why do you think that might have been difficult for them to have understood?
7. What does it say about God's attitude toward us as humans that He became one of us, dwelt with us, and forever will reign as a Human? How does that make you feel? What statement was God making by doing this?
8. Read Rom. 5:15, Rom. 8:3, Gal. 4:4-5, and Heb. 2:14-15. Find three reasons in these scriptures as to why Jesus became a human?
9. What is Christian dualism? How does it manifest and what ideas and practices are associated with it? Read Col. 2:9-10 and then talk about why this dualism is such a harmful and even anti-Christian belief and practice? Consider 1 Corinthians 6:17 "But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him."
10. Read John 4:2-3 Why do you think that John was so concerned about people not recognizing that Jesus really did come in the flesh?
11. Read Hebrews 4:15. What does it mean to say that "Jesus did not only die for us, but he lived for us too?"
12. Ultimately, what does the incarnation show us about the space and distance between God and humanity?

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