

Previous Week Questions & Scriptures

Series Name: Christmas: The Gift of Seeing God

Topic: Jesus Came to Make the Invisible God Visible

Verses: John 1:18, Colossians 1:15-16, John 1:14, John 20:17,

***Pastor Mike has added a study guide and questions for this week.**

Opening Prayer:

Ask someone in the group to open in prayer, inviting God's presence and guidance as you explore the Word and the Christmas miracle of Jesus revealing God.

Icebreaker:

1. Think of a time you wanted to understand something but felt it was beyond your grasp (e.g., a complex concept or a mysterious story). How did you finally "see" or understand it?

2. How would you explain who God is to someone who has never heard about Him?

Scripture Reading:

•John 1:18: "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known."

•Colossians 1:15-16: "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible."

Discussion Questions

1. God Made Visible

- What stands out to you about John 1:18 and Colossians 1:15-16?

- Jesus is described as the "image of the invisible God." How does this change how you think about God?

- How does the fact that Jesus lived among us help us understand God's heart and character?

2. Overcoming Misconceptions About God

- The sermon mentioned how fatherlessness can distort our view of God. Can you relate to the struggles discussed (e.g., trust, intimacy, self-worth)?

- If you have experienced struggles in seeing God as a loving Father, how has Jesus helped reshape your perspective?

- Share an example of how Jesus' life or teachings have shown you a clearer picture of God.

3. The Gift of Intimacy with God

- Read John 1:14: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." How does this verse emphasize God's desire for intimacy with us?

- What does it mean to you that Jesus revealed God not only as His Father but as our Father (John 20:17)?

- How does celebrating Christmas deepen your understanding of God's love and character?

Practical Application

1. Personal Reflection:

- o How does your understanding of Jesus as the image of the invisible God change your relationship with Him?

- o Are there areas in your life where you need healing from misconceptions about God?

2.This Week's Challenge:

- o Spend time reading through one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) and reflect on how Jesus reveals the nature of God.**
- o Pray intentionally, addressing God as "Father," and ask Him to help you see Him as a loving and faithful provider.**

Closing Prayer:

- Pray for healing for those affected by wounds of fatherlessness, that they may see God as their perfect Father.**
- Pray for a deeper revelation of God through Jesus this Christmas season.**