ULC Sermon Study Resource Come and See // Word Became Flesh Pastor Gabe Kasper December 19, 2021

Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What's your go to comfort when feeling under the weather? Reading: John 1:14-18

Outline:

- I. The Importance of the Incarnation v.14
 - a. John compares Jesus to the tabernacle of the Old testament to show how Jesus is the place where God and humanity are united
 - b. This description in combination with Moses' story of desiring to see God, shows us just how honoring it was that Jesus came

Q: Why was it so important that Jesus be both completely man and completely God?

- II. The Implications of the Incarnation v.15-17
 - a. God showed us his immense love for us by no longer being a far away figure, but coming down and connecting with us by experiencing everything we do
 - b. Through the incarnation we are also able to be freed and receive saving grace *Q: What power comes from understanding the timeline of Johns ministry?*
- III. True Knowledge of God v. 18
 - a. Here John again showcases Jesus' distinction from God, and sets up the rest of His ministry of making God known to us
 - b. The incarnation allows us to truly see and know who God is and how we should be *Q*: *In what way does John set up the rest of scripture with this last verse?*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why is it important to us personally that the incarnation happened?
- 2) How did God's physical presence change our perception of Him?
- 3) How is God's love revealed to us through the incarnation?
- 4) Why does shared experiences with Christ create a deeper connection to our God?
- 5) In what ways are we given purpose through the example Jesus set for us in His coming?

Suggestions for further study:

• Exodus 33 Q: How is the glory of the Son of God comparable to Moses' experience?

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus , you are the divine logos. The very word that created and sustains this world. Yet you chose to enter into our humanity. To be crucified for our sins. From your fullness lord, we receive grace upon grace, so teach us to find our hope and to live in that. Teach us to expend that grace to this world. In your name we pray, Amen.