

SCC Small Group Study
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God Himself Came
Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1-14

Getting Started:

What is your favorite holiday and why?

Why do you think we spend four Sundays getting ready for Jesus' birth?

Searching the Scriptures:

1. Read through Luke 2:1-20 and John 1:1-14, what phrases or words jump out to you?
2. Compare the way John starts his Gospel to the way that Matthew, Mark, and Luke begin their Gospels. What is each scripture writer trying to emphasize with how they began their book?
3. What does the first sentence in John's Gospel mean? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
4. Pastor Scott talked about Jesus being unique and planned and filled with purpose. Read the verses mentioned in the outline and talk about:
 - a. Jesus as unique

b. Jesus as planned

c. Jesus as filled with purpose

Application of Scripture:

1. How should we prepare our lives and our church for the remembrance of Jesus' birth? Do we do a good job at this?
2. What are some things that make our lives feel dead? How does moving closer to Jesus remove the impact of these things and make us feel more alive?
3. In your life, how has Jesus made you feel more alive?
4. In what ways does the world seem dark?
5. Do you think the world is getting better, worse, or staying the same? Why?
6. How does Jesus bring a light to the darkness in the world?
7. How can we, as Jesus' followers, light up the darkness in the world?
8. Why does it matter that Jesus is fully God and fully human?
9. What's one way this week you'll move closer to Jesus?