FOUR SUNDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Word Became Flesh

A men's Bible study beginning with why Christ came, then tracing the promise, incarnation, and humility of Jesus Christ.

Sundays · 8:00-9:00 a.m.

November 8 - December 13, 2026

Nov 8 & Dec 13 - Grace · Nov 22 - Dayton · Dec 6 - Kingston

Bring a Bible. Read ahead if you can.



> "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory…" John 1:14

1 · Born to Save

NOV 8 · GRACE

Read: Matthew 1:18-25 · Luke 19:10 · 1 John 3:8

Big idea: His name *is* the mission. "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). *Jesus* means "Yahweh saves." Christmas is the rescue mission launching.

IN HIS OWN WORDS — "HE CAME TO…"

- "Seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10)
- "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15)
- Not to condemn, "but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17)
- "Not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45)
- "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10)

SAVED FROM

- Our sins (Matthew 1:21)
- The devil's works — "the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8)
- Death and the lifelong fear of it (Hebrews 2:14-15)

SAVED FOR

- Adoption as sons (Galatians 4:4-5)
- To be made righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- A people of his own (Titus 2:14)

THE CRADLE POINTS TO THE CROSS

"For this purpose I have come to this hour" (John 12:27). He was born to die — "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). That is why the shepherds heard "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11) on the very night he was born.

- Which of the "came to" statements hits you hardest, and why?
- If he came to *save* rather than condemn (John 3:17), what does that change about how you come to him?

2 · The Promised King

NOV 22 · DAYTON

Read: Isaiah 9:2-7 · Micah 5:2-5a

Big idea: God promised a ruler whose peace and reign would have no end. Christmas begins with a promise kept.

- What do these promises reveal about the King we truly need?
- Where is waiting testing your trust in God's timing?

Practice: Name one place where you need to wait with hope.

3 · God With Us

DEC 6 · KINGSTON

Read: John 1:1-18 · Luke 1:26-38

Big idea: The eternal Word took on flesh and entered ordinary human life - fully God and fully human.

- Why must Jesus be both fully God and fully human?
- What does "God with us" change about an ordinary week?

Practice: Notice one ordinary place where Christ is present with you.

4 · He Came Low

DEC 13 · GRACE

Read: Philippians 2:5-11 · Hebrews 2:14-18

Big idea: Christ humbled himself, shared our humanity, and became our merciful and faithful High Priest.

- What kind of strength do you see in the humility of Jesus?
- Where is he calling you to serve instead of seeking status?

Practice: Serve someone quietly, without recognition.

A simple rhythm for the hour

8:00 Welcome & coffee	**8:08** Read & observe	**8:20** Discuss together	**8:45** Apply the Word	**8:55** Pray & close

Come ready

Read the passages once. Bring one observation, one question, and one honest place where the text meets your life.