"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."

JOHN 1:14

Warm up question:

- Was there a time during 2020 that you were especially thankful to have a loved one close-by?

Read John 1:1-18

1. What is the significance of Jesus being in the beginning?

2. What is the significance of Jesus being with God?

3. What is the significance of Jesus being God?

4. How would you put verses 3-5 in your own words?

5. What does it mean, and why is it significant, that John the Baptist was "sent from God"?

6. What was John the Baptist's purpose/role?

7. According to this passage, what was John the Baptist's message? Do the other gospel accounts tell us any more about John the Baptist's message?

8. In what way is our purpose/role the same as John the Baptist's? Is our purpose/role different in any way?

9. Why do you think the world did not recognise or receive Jesus the "true light"?

10. How can Jesus give us the right to become children of God?

11. What does it mean that we can become "children born not of natural descent, but born of God"?

12. What might the world be like if the Word didn't become flesh and dwell among us?

13. How is the grace & truth of Jesus different to the grace & truth that was given through the law of Moses?

14. How would you explain verse 18 to someone that wanted to know about Jesus?

15. How does Colossians 1:15-20 add to what we have read in John 1:1-18?

Rubber hits the road:

- How will you witness and testify like John – pointing people towards Jesus this year?

- Will you welcome the Spirit to dwell and work in you this year?

PRAYER

Eternal Jesus, you are Emmanuel – God with us. We thank you that in your love and grace you didn't keep your distance from us, but have come close. You have come so close that you have made your home amongst us and in us. As we begin this new year we pray that you would fill us afresh with your perfect Spirit. Fill us and use us as vessels of your kingdom here on earth. May your kingdom truly come here in Sunnybank as it is in heaven – by your grace and for your glory we ask these things, Amen.