

God With Us

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1-5, 14 (ESV)

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INCARNATION

The Incarnation reiterates the truth that God is with us.

The Incarnation <u>proclaims</u> that the second person of the Trinity added a real <u>human</u> nature and is both <u>God</u> and <u>man</u>.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily. Colossians 2:8-9 (ESV)

Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. **Hebrews 2:17 (ESV)** 

## The Incarnation is about <u>seeking</u> and <u>saving</u> the lost.

<sup>"</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 (ESV)

## The Incarnation <u>demands</u> our <u>response</u>.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (ESV)

## The Incarnation <u>requires</u> our action.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. **1 Timothy 6:18-19 (ESV)** 

**Going deeper on your own:** God is with us and He came to seek and save the lost. If you are not sure what it means to become a believer in Christ, email info@centerpointchurch.com and someone will be in touch with you to help you with next steps. If you have already accepted Jesus as your Savior and made Him the center of your life, then the spirit of Christ dwells in you. Challenge yourself to allow His spirit to shine through your actions and help keep Christ the central focus of your life this Christmas season. Here are a few things you can do: 1. Be generous and help the church bless families this Christmas by donating gift cards of any amount from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, or Kroger. 2. Volunteer at one of our Christmas Eve services to care for our community as we present the Gospel of Jesus Christ and celebrate His birth. 3. Read the Christmas story from Luke 2 before you open presents on Christmas day, for Christ is the true gift. 4. Send your fondest Christmas memory to rusty@centerpointchurch.com and he will share his with you!