



MERRY **CHRISTMAS!**
Now
Arriving

(Now What?)

The Point: Now We Have a God Who is Human

John 1:1-4

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Discussion Generators

- What is one of your favorite childhood memories related to Christmas? What do you like most about Christmas now as an adult?
- Read John 1:1-4.** What stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be funny, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- Who is John referring to as the Word here in John 1? What does verse 1 tell us about Jesus? Why would that be important?
- What does verse 3 tell us about Jesus? Do you think that is important? Why or why not?
- What does verse 4 tell us about Jesus? Does anyone know what that means?
- Read John 1:14.** According to what John says here, what was the point of Jesus becoming human?
- Read Colossians 1:15-20.** What Paul writes here basically restates what we are already discussing, but with a slightly different perspective. When we stop and think about God/Jesus becoming human what is unique and important about that in your mind?

- What was one of the most meaningful gifts that you ever received? What did that gift tell you about the person that gave it to you in relation to you?
- When we stop and think about God sending Jesus to us as a human for the purpose that He did, what does that tell us about Him in relation to us? Let's look at some verses in relation to that.
- Read Hebrews 4:15-16. What do you take away from these two verses about God in relation to us?
- Read II Corinthians 5:24. According to this verse what was God's desire for us by giving us Jesus?
- Merry Christmas- Now What? This series is intended for us to stop and think about what is behind that phrase "Merry Christmas." Knowing what we now know through the point and our discussion tonight, does anything change in your mind when you hear that phrase?

Thinking Outside the Box

...or thinking outside the gift box in this case! What can your group do special for someone or some ones this Christmas season? You could even partner with another group if you like. *What am I implying you might ask?* It could be that your group really wants to make a strong effort with the boxes for Trigo y Miel by challenging another group in a head to head competition, it could be that your group thinks that caroling in a nursing home would be really special, it could be that your group knows someone who really has some needs right now that you could help out with, or it could be anything else. Whatever it is have fun with it and make it for the whole family, young and younger alike! Merry Christmas!

Bible Verses

John 1:1-4 (NIV)

1.) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2.) He was with God in the beginning. 3.) Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4.) In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:14 (CEV)

The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw His true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From Him the complete gifts of undeserved grace and truth have come down to us.

Colossians 1: 15-20 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see — such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (CEV)

Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved grace, and we will find help.

II Corinthians 5:24 (NET)

God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God.