Gospel of John series #2
The Word Became Flesh
John 1:14-18

1. How does the Exodus story of the golden calf and God's presence help you feel the weight of the question, "How can a holy God dwell among an unholy people?"

2. J.I. Packer calls the incarnation "the supreme mystery" of the gospel—greater even than the cross or the resurrection in its depth. Do you agree? Why or why not?

3. The sermon contrasts Adam and Eve "grasping at divinity" with Jesus freely laying aside His privileges. Where in your life are you most tempted to "grasp"—to insist on control, recognition, or autonomy instead of trusting God?

4. What would it look like this week for you to grow in the kind of humility Jesus modeled?

5. The sermon describes "incarnational ministry" as uniting truth with presence, moving beyond duty to affection, and bearing the cost of others' brokenness. Where do you find this hardest to practice?

6. How is sharing "not only the gospel… but also our own selves" (1 Thess 2:8) different from simply giving advice, posting online, or doing "drive-by" evangelism?

7. "If God is all-powerful, He cannot be all good…" is a common objection. How does the incarnation specifically answer the charge that God is distant or uncaring in our pain?

8. When you are suffering, which truth from the sermon is most helpful: that God has experienced pain Himself, that He cares, or that the cross shows His commitment to redeem us at great cost?

9. The sermon ends by saying that in Jesus the separation of the tabernacle/temple is removed and the curtain is torn. How does this change the way you approach God—and the way you come to the Lord's Table?

10. "From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." How have you experienced successive waves of grace from Christ in your own life?