

Awakening Wonder
Week 3 - The Wonder of the Incarnation
Sunday, December 16, 2018
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Something to Celebrate or Fear?

Genesis 3:6-10

Big Idea: Jesus became like _____, so that we might become like _____.

Passage: John 1:9-14, 16-18

4 Incarnation Realities:

1. The Incarnation offers a _____ invitation which is _____ rejected. (1:9-11)

2. This invitation offers us a place in God's _____. (1:12-13)

3. Jesus gets as _____ to humanity as He can. (1:14)

4. We discover who God is through _____ Jesus. (1:16-18)

Next Steps:

1. Set aside an empty seat at every meal or meeting this week, imagining Jesus sitting in that seat.

2. Read Psalm 119:19 and pray for wonder each day until Christmas.

3. Re-read John 1:1-18 in several Bible translations to gain greater wonder about the Incarnation. (YouVersion Bible App in App Store or Google Play store, BibleGateway.com on your computer)

***Download a copy of *The Wonder of Incarnation* reading Pastor Scott shared today at prescottcornerstone.com/wonder.

Discussion Questions:

- When you think of God sitting down next to you, what is your first emotional response? Fear? Anxiety? Excitement? Shame? Or something else?
- Throughout this series, we've talked about how wonder is more about our perspective than our experience. In what areas have you found your perspective being influenced by familiarity? How have you fought through that familiarity to regain wonder?
- Pastor Scott shared with us that Jesus can sympathize with the rejection we've experienced because of the rejection he knew. In what ways have your rejection experiences shaped your relationships?
- Today, we heard a quote from Pastor Derwin Gray. "If Jesus knowing your name is not enough to make you feel significant, everyone knowing your name will never be enough." What does that quote mean in your life, especially in light of the Incarnation?
- Pastor Scott shared a clip from the movie, *Elf*, and talked about the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus. Which is a better description of your current experience and focus - knowing about Jesus or knowing Jesus?
- What is the most incredible reality about the Incarnation to you? (This could be something Pastor Scott spoke about or something he didn't get to today).

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