



January 3, 2010

**Opening Question:** (*goal: to initiate conversation and help us learn more about the people in our group*)

Are there any times of your life that you felt Jesus dwelling with you in an especially close way?

**REVERB- Noun- to be repeatedly reflected in conversation**

(*goal: to discuss what we heard in the message and to dig deeper*)

- Reread today's passage: John 1:1-18
- Was there anything in the message that was particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
- Dig Deeper
  - It's easy to forget that Jesus remains human while he sits at the right hand of God. How does remembering this change our view of Jesus and his work? (Also see Hebrew 4:14-16)
  - Read Luke 4:14-21 (partially quoted from Isaiah 61:1-2). How does Jesus explain his mission on earth? Thinking about his life, how did he do this while he walked the earth? How do we follow his example?

**REVERB- Verb- to put into action**

(*goal: to offer accountability for applying biblical truths to our lives*)

- What does this passage call for followers of Christ to do? Become?
- What hope does this passage give to Christians? How does it inform our identity in Christ?
- How is your life incarnational ministry, like Jesus' was? Are there ways you could bring grace and truth into your spheres of influence?
- What does a life look like that is built upon the truths of this passage?

**Optional: Children's Activity** (at home or in the group time)

Talk about the Christmas gifts you received. What was your favorite? Why? What gift did Jesus give to us? How can we remember this gift all year long? How can we give Jesus' love to others?