

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- The Christmas season is a time when the whole world is hearing and even singing about Jesus Christ. What are some of your favorite Christmas songs? Check out the lyrics for “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” on the next page. Talk about your favorite lines/phrases, and why they mean so much to you.
- **During the Christmas season, the gospel is all around us. How can you use Christmas songs to talk to someone about what God has done in your own life.**

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?

In Exodus 33:18-23, Moses asks God to show him His glory and God responds by showing him just a small glimpse. Talk about a time when you’ve experienced a glimpse of the glory of God - a meaningful time in Scripture, an encouragement during a struggle, a time of worship in creation.

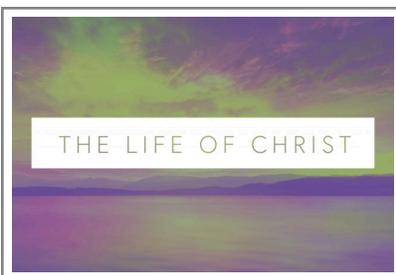
Read this week’s passage together - John 1:14. In his message, **Pastor Pat taught us three ways that Jesus showed us God’s glory through His life.**

Jesus Demonstrated God’s Glory...:

1. **By concealing it in His flesh** (“*The Word became flesh*”)
 - Isaiah 53:2 is a prophecy about how Jesus would conceal God’s glory. What are some misconceptions about the way Jesus looked that are put to rest by this passage?
 - Jesus didn’t come to earth with a King’s birth, the life of a noble, or even the appearance of a superstar. How does it give you comfort to know that Jesus didn’t have a halo or “radiant beams”?
2. **By revealing it in His life** (“*...And dwelt among us*”)
 - Jesus “moved into our neighborhood” as a man, but the New Testament gives us “sneak peaks” of God’s glory in the life of Christ. Check out Matthew 17:1-6 and John 18:6 and talk about what it must have been like to be there for those “sneak peaks” of God’s glory.
 - In John 17:22-23, Jesus tells us that we have the same glory that God has given to Him. Have you ever thought about that? How does your life reveal the glory of God?
3. **By appealing to it with His love** (“*...Full of grace and truth*”)
 - Hebrews 2:17-18 - Jesus didn’t become a man to know what you’re going through - He already knew that. He became a man to **show** you that He knows what you’re going through. What struggle, pain, or disappointment are you going through right now that it helps to know that Jesus knows exactly what you’re going through?
 - What will you do this week to worship God because of how He revealed Himself in Christ?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Close your time together by praying, singing a Christmas song, or simply encouraging one another.



Hark The Herald Angels Sing
By Felix Mendelssohn and Charles Wesley

Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled

Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
With angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of Earth
Born to give them second birth

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings

Christ, the highest heaven adore
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Come, Desire of Nations, come
Fix in us Thy humble home
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