

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet and apply God's Word each week. The sermons and guides can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- On a scale of 1-10, how much do you enjoy Christmas music? Do you have a date when you begin listening to Christmas songs at home or in the car? What is your favorite Christmas song right now?

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?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat pointed our hearts and minds toward Jesus - the Son of God Who put on skin and lived a veiled life among His creation.**

Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate Deity!

- **Read 1 Timothy 3:16 in several different Bible versions**
 1. In 1739, Charles Wesley wrote "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", and several other deeply theological hymns. Can you think of some songs we sing as a church that teach great doctrine? What are some theological phrases from those songs?
 2. Prior to His incarnation (taking on flesh as a baby), Jesus lived among the Trinity *without* flesh. According to Scripture, what was Jesus doing before He became a man?
 3. Unpack this statement from Pastor Pat: *At His incarnation, Jesus did not become **less** than God. He became **more** than God.* Does this statement make you uncomfortable at all? Why?
 4. Read John 1:14 and Philippians 2:6-8 and talk about how these passages help our understanding of what happened when Jesus came to earth.
 5. Pastor Pat noted that 1 Timothy 3:16 is perhaps one of the first hymns or creeds in the early church. As a group, highlight the key theological points that are obvious in this passage. If you can think of them, talk about other Bible passages that teach these same theological concepts.
 6. Why did God have to take on flesh according to these two passages: Hebrews 4:15 and Hebrews 10:5?
 7. Our Core Value of **The Gospel** makes this statement: *Jesus rescued me from eternal death, so I will live my life on earth for Him.* Pastor Pat said it this way, "God went all in on you. Will you go all in on Him?" Be honest with yourself and each other - what is stopping you from going all in for God today?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, spend some time thanking God for sending Jesus to earth to take on flesh, suffer, die, and be raised to life for our salvation.

