

# WHY ON EARTH

JOHN 1:1-18

## 7 Reasons for the Incarnation

1. To \_\_\_\_\_ essential truths about God, man and matters related to eternity  
*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. v. 1*

2. To fulfill the Father's desire to \_\_\_\_\_ among His children  
*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory ... v. 14a*

3. To be an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ shining in the darkness of the human cave  
*In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. vv. 4-5*

4. To establish and transact an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ program  
*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. vv. 12-13*

5. To display a gift previously unknown to the human race: \_\_\_\_\_  
*... glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. vv. 14b*

6. To reveal to us that we are not good, but we are \_\_\_\_\_  
*For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. v. 16*

7. To be the \_\_\_\_\_ through which the human race can see God  
*No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. v. 18*

*... but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,  
and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31*

### QUESTIONS TO ASK

**Who is Jesus to you?**

**What is the basis for your eternal salvation?**

**Why are you waiting to believe?**

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## HOME GROUP STUDY

1. What thought from the sermon was new or gave you an “aha! moment?” Which of the seven main points did you connect to the most?

2. Read John 1:1-18. For you, what is the most astonishing aspect about the incarnation of Jesus?

3. One of the reasons Jesus was born as a human was to show us the abundance grace of God—*grace upon grace*. As a follower of Christ, how have you come to understand that defeat and shame have been replaced by the freedom of God’s incredibly lavish grace? (For more insight see 2 Cor 12:9; Eph 2:1-10; 2 Thes 2:16-17; 1 Tim 1:12-16; 2 Tim 1:8-12.)

4. In what ways have you been enjoying God’s presence lately? If those moments are lacking, how can you put more of them into your day?

5. How do you know that you are loved by God? What has helped you to feel this deep in your heart, as well as to know it intellectually?

6. Would you say that you are living as an adopted child of God, or is your identity as a Christian only a small part of who you are? How does proclaiming to others what He has done for your life flow out of the way you feel about Him?

“The cross is the center of the world’s history; the incarnation of Christ and the crucifixion of our Lord are the pivot round which all the events of the ages revolve.”

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

“The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.”

J. I. PACKER

“To achieve the divine purpose of becoming the Savior, the divine glory needed to be veiled. Christ voluntarily, moment by moment, submitted to human limitations apart from sin. The humiliation was temporary. The incarnation was everlasting.”

JOHN F. WALVOORD

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They’re your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

**TEXT “CCBCGROW” TO 94090 FOR WAYS TO KEEP GROWING.** We want to help you continue walking with Jesus and growing in your faith! To learn about resources like the Center for Christian Growth and upcoming events like *Surviving the Holidays*, text “CCBCGrow” to 94090.

**PICK UP AND FILL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES TODAY!** Operation Christmas Child delivers shoeboxes of Christmas gifts and the gospel message to children around the world every year. Help us reach more kiddos with the hope of Jesus this year by picking up a few boxes outside your worship venue and filling them this week. You’ll find all the directions and info you need in the boxes you pick up. Boxes are due back next Sunday, Nov. 22.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH THIS TUESDAY, NOV. 17.** Join us for a new Four Corners Conversation this Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 7 to 8 p.m. and get to know Pastor E, a sixth-generation believer who grew up under persecution in East Asia. Pastor E now serves as the director of an organization that connects hundreds of underground churches and thousands of believers. He’s going to share the stories of these persecuted followers of Jesus and encourage us with ways to support them. Sign up for the Zoom call today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS MEETS ONLINE THIS SATURDAY, NOV. 21.** When you’re grieving a loved one’s death, it’s not unusual to wish you could skip over the whole holiday season. That’s why we want to help give you some practical wisdom and advice for navigating Thanksgiving and Christmas. We’ll talk about what to do with favorite traditions, how to handle the big emotions and where to look for real hope. Register ahead of time at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**BRING WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.** On Saturday, Dec. 12, Women’s Ministry is celebrating the season in a totally new way: hosting Christmas brunch in homes all across Fort Worth! You can get together with some friends, invite over a few people in your life who need to know about the love of Jesus and host a brunch at your place. Women’s Ministry is putting together everything you’ll need to host—recipes, a Christmas playlist, conversation starters and a gospel-centered message to watch together (plus more)—in a special Brunch Box. Let us know you’re up for hosting and reserve a box at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

**PICK A WAY TO SERVE DURING THE HOLIDAYS!** Angel Tree, a Hurricane Laura Disaster Relief trip, local ministries—there are a lot of ways you, your family or your home group can serve together this month. We’re keeping a list at [www.ccbcfamily.org/holidayserve](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/holidayserve). Head there and plan how you’ll share God’s light, love and care this holiday season.

**IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—just text “CCBCFW” to 77977 to get started.