

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of September 20, 2015

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus, the invisible, eternal Word of God and Creator of the world, humbled himself by becoming a man, and out of his love for us, died on the cross to reconcile us with God the Father.

“God has not given us a watertight argument to prove Christianity is true; he has given us a watertight person. In the incarnation, the infinite became finite, the immortal became mortal, the ideal became real, the supernatural became natural, the meta-physical became physical, the invulnerable became vulnerable, the impossible became possible, the Holy one became someone you can hug.” **Tim Keller**

**Related Texts:** John 1:1-3, 14, 18; John 8:31; John 14:8-9; John 20:31; Hebrews 1:1-3; Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6; Psalm 107:19-20; Isaiah 55:11; Deuteronomy 6:4; Romans 1:20.

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What are your general impressions of this week's sermon?
- Who wrote the The Gospel According to John? What do we know about John based on this and the synoptic gospels? What evidence do we have that points to Johannine authorship? Who is the divine Author of the Gospel According to John? Reference John 14:26 and John 16:13.
- Why did John write his Gospel? Reference John 20:31. Who does John say that Jesus is? Reference John 1:18 and John 14:8-9. How are the Gospels different from biographies? Who was John's intended audience? Do you know Jesus as the invisible God made visible? How does knowing Jesus in this way enrich the reading of the Bible?

- John begins his Gospel with the words, "In the beginning." What other familiar passage of Scripture is John alluding to? Why is this important? What divine attribute(s) is John assigning to the Word (Jesus)?
- John intentionally uses the Greek word "Logos" to refer to Jesus. Why? What does it mean? Reference Psalm 33:6, Psalm 107:19-20, and Isaiah 55:11.
- John makes it clear in his prologue that the Word (Jesus) is God and is yet distinct from God. What does it mean that God is a Trinity? Why is it vital that we maintain that God is a Trinity? What cults deny the trinitarian nature of God?
- John states bluntly in John 1:14 that Jesus, the eternal Word of God, became a human being. Why did Jesus enter into the earth he created? Why did Jesus become "vulnerable, weak, and killable" for you? What does it mean that Jesus dwelt, or literally "tabernacled" among us? Discuss how the whole of Scripture and all of creation points to and glorifies Jesus.