

# The God of Grace and Truth!

December 26, 2021 – John 1:4-18

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## 3 Reasons The Word Became Flesh

1. He came to give mankind **hope**.
  - a. He is **Life!**
  - b. He is **Light!**
  
2. He came to teach us what is really **true**.
  - a. Jesus answers the big questions of life!
  
3. He came to show us what true **grace** looks like.
  - a. Grace is evident when we offer the gift of **forgiveness**.
  - b. Grace is evident when we offer the gift of **peace**.
  - c. Grace is evident when we offer the gift of **kindness**.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Considering the various metaphoric uses of the word “light” in the Scriptures (hope, truth, or good), how might this affect the way you understand Jesus’ use of it when He says that His disciples are the “light of the world”?
2. As light, why is it important that followers of Jesus give this world hope? What does that look like?
3. Jesus was full of grace and truth. He never compromised truth in showing grace. Can you recall situations in Jesus’ ministry where He clearly exercised both grace and truth? What stands out to you about the way in which Jesus lived out grace and truth?
4. Can you think of a current situation in your life where you need to exercise both grace and truth? What does that look like for you?
5. In what areas or situations do you find it a struggle to exercise grace?
6. What is a take-away for you from the message or this passage?

## Next Steps: December Reading Plan (Week 4)

**Day One:** Prov. 26; Ps. 146

**Day Two:** Prov. 27; Ps. 147

**Day Three:** Prov. 28; Ps. 148

**Day Four:** Prov. 29; Ps. 149

**Day Five:** Prov. 30-31; Ps. 150

***“The Lord did not come to make a display. He came to heal and to teach suffering men.”***

- Athanasius of Alexandria

## December Scripture Memory:

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

-John 1:1-5 (ESV)

**What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?**