



discussion starters.
November 29th. | Incarnation: Pursue

We invite you to take the content of our Sunday Morning worship hour, and discuss with a friend, your family, or your LIFEgroup each week. This is meant to be a guide for your discussions and can be used as a launching point or complete study outline. Feel free to choose all, many or even just one that will work best for your LIFEgroup.

SUMMARY.

The incarnation reveals God is on the offensive to heal His broken world, & as His teammates, we're called to play offense too.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, & Advent is a time of expectant waiting.

In Advent, we look back at the days before Jesus and how the people of God were waiting for God to speak, for God to show up, & save them... and in the birth of Christ, His only Son, God did.

But in Advent, we not only look back, but we also remember how we too are waiting, looking forward to the Day Jesus will return.

Incarnation means "put on flesh" and this word comes from the moment God, through Jesus, put on flesh, & came to earth. Jesus was there, in the heavenly domain, realm... and then He was sent, by God, into the earthly domain/realm.

God is proactive, decisive, has taken the initiative. The incarnation is the climax, the pinnacle, the fulfillment of God's offensive strategy, but the whole story of scripture tells us this is nothing new; from the beginning God has pursued us. Jesus was the fulfillment of God's offensive strategy, and we, the Church, are the continuation of that mission.

So, Lean in, Speak up, Be Gentle and Be Respectful.

A SCRIPTURE TO READ.



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1.14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1.1-5



B QUESTIONS TO ASK.



1

What has changed about your understanding of Jesus Incarnate?

2

When have you experienced God pursuing you?

3

Do you think God is currently using you on this mission to pursue someone for His Kingdom? What are you doing to lean into being "on offense", and what could you do to better reach out?

4

See Section C for more applications for this week.

C APPLICATION | CHALLENGE.

What is God speaking to you about?

What is He calling you to do?

We would love to hear your highlights from this discussion so please email us at office@avonwesleyanchurch.com or text us at **585-622-4575**.

D ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES.

Visit our webpage www.avonwesleyanchurch.com/lifegroups for more resources and to watch bonus content.

These additional resources include videos from The Bible Project, another for our younger kids, and a video to help adults, in explaining and showing grace to kids.

E QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS.

**1**

How would you feel if you knew someone searched for you so they could greet you with a hug?
 How would you feel if your friend came in the door and ran to see you because they were so excited you were there?

2

God loves you enough to pursue you, to come find you, and run to you for a hug. How does that make you feel?

3

Who in your life seems to need love like this? What if they knew that God loves them this much?
 How do you think you can help show others this kind of love from God?

4

Draw some Word Art with the 3 ways we can be on mission with God, and pursue others in reaching them with God's Love.
 (Hint: They are at the end of the LIFEgroups summary)

F QUESTIONS FOR AWC YOUTH GROUP.

1

What is something new that you heard/learned about the incarnation this week?

2

If we refuse to look at the incarnation as just a story of what happened a long time ago, and how it relates to us today, what changes?

3

Who in your life could benefit from knowing that God pursues them?

4

See Section C for Challenge and Application for this week.