

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Word Became Flesh

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 03 · September 27, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: God didn't stay far away. In Jesus He came near, brought grace that never runs out, and showed us exactly what He is like.

Read together: John 1:14–18. **Memory verse:** John 1:14.

Time: 20–25 minutes. Question 6 is the one that lands.

WARM UP

1. Pastor talked about Grover running between near and far until he was exhausted. What's something you can only really know up close — not through a screen?

A friend, a place, a sport. Let them play with it first.

HE MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

2. Verse 14 says the Word became flesh. Jesus became fully human without ever stopping being God. Why does it matter that He wasn't just pretending to be human?

He didn't watch human life from a distance. He lived it — hunger, exhaustion, grief, all of it.

3. Philippians 2 says Jesus gave up His divine privileges to come here. What's something you'd have a hard time giving up to be close to someone?

GRACE UPON GRACE

4. Grace is a gift you don't deserve and can't earn. Verse 16 says "grace upon grace." What would change if you actually believed God's grace never runs out?

You'd stop hiding after you mess up. There is always more.

5. Pastor said the law is like a check engine light. What does the law do well, and what can't it do?

It shows the problem. It can't fix it. Only Jesus can.

GOD'S FACE

6. Moses asked to see God's glory and only got to see His back. In Jesus, we see God's face. So if you want to know what God thinks about you, where should you look?

Not at your feelings, not at your worst day — at Jesus.

7. Most religions are about keeping an angry god happy. How is what John describes different?

THIS WEEK

Read John 1:14–18 every day and answer one question: "What am I trying to fix on my own that I need to bring to Jesus?" Memorize John 1:14. Next week: Week 4 · A Voice in the Wilderness · John 1:19–28 · October 4, 2026