



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 25th December 2018

Series- Christmas Day

Light of the World

4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:4-5

1. A Witness to the light (John 1:1-9)

2. The word made flesh to make sons and daughters of us all. (John 1:10-14)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read John 1:1-4 What do these verses tell us about the Word?
2. Read John 1:4-9. How is the theme of light picked up here? What do we learn about this light?
3. Read John 1:10-13. What are we told about how “the world responded,” to the “Word,” to the light?
4. Read John 1:14. How does the Word respond to the world? And how does John speak of the Word- what has he seen in him?

B. Meditation & application

5. What does this passage reveal about the Identity of Jesus? How does it speak of, or point toward, the divinity of Jesus?
6. How is John the Baptist ministry spoken of here and in what way is his ministry- an excellent model for disciples of Jesus to follow? What is the nature of their ministry and how does John model it?
7. Summarize verses 12-13. What do these verses speak to us about what it means to be a child of God? How does one become a child of God and how would you explain that to someone who was not a Christian but said they believed themselves to be “a child of God?”
8. How is verse 14 good news? Who took the initiative in salvation? What does it mean to you that in Christ- God moved into the neighborhood?
9. God putting on “flesh is referred to by theologians as “the incarnation.” Some believe that incarnation is not only something uniquely expressed in Jesus- but as also a model for all mission? What do you think of this? What might it look like for a church to engage in “incarnational mission?”

Heavenly Father; We thank you that you are not far from any of us. We thank you that you drew near to save us and make us your children. Help us to draw near to others in order that we might point them toward Christ and adoption as children of God. In Jesus Name- Amen.