



## **In the Flesh – John 1:19-51**

December 24 | Group Discussion Guide

**Begin with an icebreaker, a Scripture reading, and prayer (15 minutes).**

Merry Christmas! Open your time together by asking how everyone's Christmas went. And to share one thing they received they really liked.

Next, have someone read John 1:19-51 slowly and intentionally.

After reading, have someone pray for your group time together.

**Break into smaller groups to discuss the Scripture (20 minutes).**

Take a few moments to read John 1:19-51 again. After you do, reflect on the fact that there are seven titles given about Jesus in this passage using the questions below.

- What are the seven titles said of Jesus?
- Where are they in the passage?
- What does each one mean?
- And what are the implications of these titles to Jesus' identity?

Now, like above, reflect on the fact that there are several responses that people have towards Jesus using the questions below.

- What are the different responses to Jesus?
- Where are they in the passage?

- What does each one show you about Jesus?
- What are the implications?

**Come back together as a large group to discuss the sermon (25 minutes).**

- Did you engage with Christmas in a meaningful way this year? Why or why not?
- Take a moment to reflect on the fact that Jesus is the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (1:29, 36). Replace the two words “the world” with your name. Then, ask each person in the group, “What is one word you’d use to describe your response to that truth? Why?”
- Several characters in this story are introduced to Jesus for the first time. How were you first introduced to Jesus? How did that come about? Who brought you to Jesus?
- How has your faith in Jesus and your recognition of his identity (Messiah, Rabbi, the Lamb of God, as Son of God, as King of Israel, etc.) developed over time? How did that occur?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned three takeaways for each of us: (1) We are known by Jesus; (2) We are invited to follow Jesus; and (3) We are ambassadors for Jesus. Which of these do you sense God inviting you to press into more and more this upcoming year?

**Finish with logistics and prayer (10 minutes).**

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through gospel of John series! You can find that material at [thecreek.org/devotionals](http://thecreek.org/devotionals).
2. Share any logistics that you need to with your group!
3. Finish your group session with prayer requests.