

# Small Group Discussion 12/19/2021

## *“Why Christmas?” (part 3 of 3-part series by Dr. John Martin)*

John 1:1-18

### Getting Started

- John’s Gospel does not tell the story of Jesus’ birth. What reasons would people typically give for that omission? How about you? What reasons would you give?

### Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
  - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
  - What is the main truth of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### Discussion

- Dr. Martin listed three characters in this passage: 1) The Word = Jesus, 2) John the Baptist, and 3) Moses. What role did John the Baptist and Moses have in the passage?
- In what ways was John the Baptist like Elijah?
- Dr. Martin pointed out that those who receive Jesus and believe in his name are given the “right” to be called children of God, not the “power.” Why is this distinction important?
- How does verse 14 hearken back to Moses?
- Reviewing Dr. Martin’s three-part series of sermons, “Why is there a Christmas?”