



# **HILLCREST**

## **LIFE GROUPS**

### Sermon Discussion Guide

Jesus is Everything It Means to Be God

John 1:1-18

Sunday, December 13, 2020

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## Get to Know You

What is your favorite Christmas food?

## Study the Book

Read John 1:1-18

What are some examples of the power of God's Word that we find in Scripture?

How many different ways is Christ shown to be God in these verses?

How does an adopted child benefit from being given the following:

Metaphorical Light

Metaphorical Life

Grace

Truth

How does a child of God benefit from God giving us:

Light

Life

Grace

Truth

## Two Implications

*First: Knowing Jesus is the best way to know God.*

Read Hebrews 1:1-2

How can looking at Jesus help us understand God?

*Second: At the cross, God bore the penalty for sin Himself.*

How did Tom's adjustment to the walnut and hammer illustration more fully show us what happened on the cross?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:19

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The gospel's astonishing claim is that the man hanging upon the cross was the Creator himself, giving himself up to save his prized creation. God himself was taking upon himself his own hatred for sin to bear it away from us.

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Why is looking at the story of the cross relevant as we celebrate Christmas?

## **Group Application and Discussion**

How does the knowledge of Christ's divinity as He gave His life on the cross for our sins impact your thoughts and actions?

Who can you invite to the Christmas Eve service?

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

Identify someone to invite to the Christmas Eve service. Begin praying for them. Pray that they would watch the service and respond to any work the Holy Spirit would work in their lives.