



In the Flesh – John 2

December 31 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with an icebreaker, a Scripture reading, and prayer (10 minutes)

Happy New Year! Open your time together by asking how everyone's New Year's went – what they did and what they ate.

Next, have someone read John 2:1-25 slowly and intentionally.

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

Discuss the Scripture + the sermon as a large group (25 minutes)

Take a few moments to reflect on the following questions:

- In his sermon, Emerson described Jesus' coming as a "eucatastrophe" – a *good* catastrophe – for our world. How has the inbreaking of Jesus' kingdom broken into your life on a personal basis?
- Imagine Mary, the mother of Jesus, saying to you, "Do whatever he tells you." How would you respond? Would you say, "I would be honored!" or would you respond differently?
- What hesitations do you have regarding submission to Jesus' authority? How do these hesitations manifest themselves in your life? Explain.
- The second theme Emerson talked about is the theme of abundance. Where do you see this theme at work in John 2? How often does a "scarcity mindset" play itself out in your life?
- **Read Ephesians 1:3-14.** What abundant blessings does Paul say come with Jesus?
- How can Jesus, through these blessings, meet you in those moments where you feel the intensity of your scarcity?

Take a few moments to review the Rule of Life document (15 minutes).

Share with everyone the Rule of Life document that prompts people to "look back" over their past year and to look ahead at this next one. Share with everyone that they should complete it and be ready to share their answers by the next time the group convenes!

You can find that document [HERE](#).

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.
2. Share any logistics that you need to with your group.
3. Finish your group session with prayer requests.