



**PARK**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **One Pursuit, Part 1 :: Jackson Crum**

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH**

God wants to have a relationship with His people  
He is not content to just peer down at us from heaven.

### **THE INCARNATION WAS A CHOICE**

#### **WORD BECAME FLESH**

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Do we understand what it cost Jesus?

- Jesus makes a choice to leave the right hand of God and come to earth as a man

#### **WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?**

MICHAEL SPENCER tell us

"... without the incarnation, Christianity isn't even a very good story, and most sadly, it means nothing. "Be nice to one another" is not a message that can give my life meaning, assure me of love beyond brokenness, and break open the dark doors of death with the key of hope.

— Michael Spencer (Mere Churchianity)

#### **PERSONAL IMPLICATION**

Jesus made a choice – choosing to leave His place of privilege to come to earth...

We make a choice to engage

- Marriage
- Roommates
- Job situation
- Family

**...AND DWELT AMONG US,**

**LOCATION OF ENGAGEMENT**

**DWELT** = literally Tabernacled

Jesus does not come to a palace -- to live apart from His people  
Jesus made Himself accessible

## **PERSONAL IMPLICATION**

Ministry of PRESENCE

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's TEMPLE and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17  
If anyone destroys God's TEMPLE, God will destroy him. For God's TEMPLE is holy, and you are that TEMPLE.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a TEMPLE of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?

## **INDIVIDUALLY & CORPORATELY**

We need to have a MINISTRY OF PRESENCE in every facet of life

**AND WE HAVE SEEN HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER,**

## **CREDIBILITY**

Glory of God  
Reflecting the Character and Likeness of God  
HOLINESS

## **John 8:46 Which one of you convicts me of sin?**

Jesus shows us

- How to pursue a relationship with God the Father
- What OBEDIENCE looks like
- What LOVE looks like to the easy and the hard
- WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE

## **PERSONAL IMPLICATION**

### **WE FIND OUR CREDIBILITY IN THE IMITATION OF JESUS**

**Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.**

## **ANN'S STORY**

### **HOW DO YOU GROW YOUR CREDIBILITY?**

Grown your knowledge of the one we are to be imitating

#### **ONE PURSUIT**

**Level 1: Scripture Reading and Analysis**

**Level 2: Level 1 + Reflection & Application Questions**

**Level 3: Level 2 + Scripture Memorization**

#### **BARRIER**

**FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**

This is where the INCARNATION gets personal for us

Grace and Truth

**INCARNATION GIVES  
PERSONAL IMPLICATION**

#### **RECEIVERS AND GIVERS**

Followers of Christ – MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

#### **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

- This weekend 5K run to support the work
- Even more important those who are engaged with the work of REDEMPTION and RESTORATION for those caught in slavery here in Chicago AND other parts of the world
- Who knows better what freedom from slavery feels like than a follower of Christ?
- We have were under a power we could not defeat and could not fun from
- Jesus, in His INCARNATION does for us what we could not do for ourselves

#### **EDUCATION**

- TRUTH AND GRACE comes shapes our view of education
- The restorative work of the Gospel allows us to see what has been entrusted to us
- Our education
- Our voice – our power in society
- Our privilege
- We grow in our understanding of general grace
- Education allows opportunity
- Education decreases crime, pregnancy, homelessness

Teachers Fellowship  
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AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST who have enjoyed the benefits of the INCARNATION

We seek to relieve suffering of all types  
ESPECIALLY eternal suffering from a broken relationship with Christ