**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. December 15, 2019**

**The Word In Action**

John 1:1-18

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ became a human being in order to show us the glory of God.

1. In any relationship communication is key.

 A. Jesus came to communicate the love of God to us and the

 glory of God to us.

2. Sin blinds us to the truth of God.

 A. Israel refused to believe God because they had created

 their own god.

 B. Sin blinds us to the reality of our need for Jesus.

3. Jesus came to live in community with us.

 A. Jesus lived as a fully human being.

 B. Jesus live under the authority of God the Father, through

 the power of the Holy Spirit in submission to the Word of

 God.

 C. Jesus was also fully God.

 1. Jesus’ incarnation teaches us about both the glory of God

 and what mankind itself should be like.

4. The Word becoming flesh shows us just what length God will

 go to just to redeem us.

 A. Your past does not have to determine your future.

 B. By God’s grace and power you can have a brand-new story.

 C. You must respond to Jesus with faith in the Word of God.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank the Father for sending us Jesus Christ, to reveal to us His mercy, patience, and glory. Ask the Father to help us show this kind of love and patience toward others for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

If you had a very important job interview or meeting, what would you wear to it?

Why would you wear that particular outfit to the interview?

Read John 1:14-15.

Why did the Apostle John mention that John the Baptist taught that “He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.” (John 1:15)?

How important is it for us to “reside” with those in our community? How does our presence help?

How can Jesus’ suffering and rejection by the world encourage us to be more patient with those in our community and home?

Read 1 John 4:7-12: Based on these verses, what is the biblical meaning of love?

What happens to our efforts to love each other if those efforts aren’t connected to Jesus’ love for us?

Read Philippians 2:5-11: Why is it dangerous to think of Jesus as only God and not also fully human? What is the danger of seeing Him as a man, but not God?