# Jn01a GwU2 Coming as one of us

# Advent

## A time to celebrate ‘God with Us’

### Immanuel

## A time to look back at the coming of Christ

### The first time as one of us

## A time to look forward to the return of Christ

# The prophets

## He’s coming!

### Specifics!

#### Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, Malachi, etc

### As the Jewish writers expected

## This was the hope in dark and uncertain times

### That God would deal with sin and death and hell and bring, joy, peace, acceptance and hope

### That God would deliver grace through the Messiah

#### John says – I’ve seen it all and I can tell you: Jesus IS the Messiah!

## John the Baptist

### “He’s here”

# Jesus laid it all down for us

## He gave up:

### Omniscience (knowing everything)

### Omnipresence (being everywhere)

### Omnipotence (being able to do anything)

### Complete unity and fellowship in the Godhead

## He learned first-hand what it felt like to be us

## He did all this to bring us hope

# God’s plan for you is demonstrated by Jesus

## “This is how you were designed to live”

### In union with God

### In humility

### With a servant heart

### With a mission of compassion that brings healing and restoration to all who need it

## God became one of us so that we might become one with Him in glory

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Your ‘design’

## To what extent do you agree that you were designed to live ‘in union with God, in humility, with a servant heart and with a mission of compassion?’

### How do you understand these being ‘in union with God’?

### What does humility mean to you?

#### What is the difference, if any, between humility and low self-esteem? Give examples

### Describe a ‘servant heart’?

#### How does it differ from servitude?

### What was Christ’s ‘mission of compassion’?

#### How did He go about it?

#### How did He achieve it?

### How can we reflect Christ’s ‘mission of compassion’?

# Coming as one of us

## How could Jesus lay down the powers of God (Omniscience, Omnipresence, Omnipotence) and still be ‘God’? (Try Philippians 2)

### What did He NOT lay down?

### What was His ‘Godness by nature’? How was it seen?

# Coming for all of us

## Jesus is characterised as ‘full of grace and truth’ (Jn 1:14)

### Why do you think John said this rather than ‘full of justice and truth’?

### Under what circumstances would you prefer being confronted by someone bringing justice?

### What does ‘full of grace and truth’ imply to you about His approachability?