Date: 12.15.19
Title: Christmas Means - That God Unified the Physical with the Spiritual.
Primary Passage: John 1:14, Isaiah 53:2, Isaiah 52:14.
Secondary Passage: Philippians 3:21, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 2 Corinthians 5:1-2, 1 Corinthians 6:15
Big Question: Why did Jesus need to have a physical body?
Big Idea: Jesus became flesh to dignify the human body by uniting the physical and spiritual, through His life, death and resurrection.
Keywords: Physical, Spiritual, Souls, Bodies, Sanctification, Glorification.

LIFE Group Application Questions

How did you see Christ at work IN YOU this week?

Read John 1:14. How does the fact that Jesus had a physical, fleshly body, give dignity to the body? How is Jesus an example of living with the spiritual and physical united together in wholeness?

Spend some time going through the Secondary Passages (above). What does the New Testament teach about how we should view our bodies? How does this change how you view your own body?

Which of the "God can be trusted with my physical _____" (list on reverse) is most significant to you at this point in your life?

Who in your life is facing some trying physical realities who needs to hear that in Christ you can be an "embodied soul?" Spend some time praying for them and look for opportunities to share John 1:14 with them.

What Does Christmas Mean?

December 15th, 2019
Christmas Means: That God unified the physical and spiritual for everyone.
John 1:14
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Three View of the Physical Body:

1. Religion - The body is evil and needs to be punished.
2. Culture - The body is irrelevant and needs to be diminished.
3. Gospel - The body houses the divine and will be resurrected.

John 1:14, "The WORD became FLESH and dwelt among us, and we have seen His GLORY."

- Christ as the WORD - ***Genesis 1:31 - Everything God had made was GOOD.***
- Christ in the FLESH - ***Isaiah 53:2, He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him.***
- Christ with GLORY - ***Revelation 5:13 "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"***

God (Christ) can be trusted with our bodies.

- He can be trusted with our physical INSECURITIES.
- He can be trusted with our physical LIMITATIONS.
- He can be trusted with our physical REGRETS.
- He can be trusted with our physical AFFLICTIONS.

Because Christ became flesh:

- He was unmade so that we could be remade.
- He was broken so that we could be whole.
- He was marred beyond human resemblance so that we could resemble Him.