

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Incarnation and Humanity

1. Could God have come to earth as any other type of animal? (Other than human)
2. What so good about being a human being?
3. What would be the disadvantages of being an eagle? (We are all familiar with the advantages!)

Read John 1:1-18

4. Why does John refer to Jesus as 'the Word' and not simply by the name Jesus?
5. Why does John tell us that the word was both with God and that he was God?
6. What changes when 'the Word' becomes flesh?

Read Genesis 1:26-27

7. Why does God not make man in 'his likeness' but instead 'our likeness'? Is this important?
8. What sorts of things does God expect of the human beings who have been made in his likeness?
9. Why is the idea that we are made in God's image so important when we think about God becoming one of the creatures in his creation?
10. If God is able to take on human flesh and live as a man, what should that tell us about our capabilities as human beings? Should it change the expectations we place on ourselves?

Read Philippians 2:1-11

11. What is it about God that causes him to want to become incarnate? (take on a body)
12. Why is it that we are expected as Christians to behave in the same way as God? (there should be several good answers for this one!)
13. Why does God exalt (praise and make high) Jesus because of his willingness to take on the form of a servant?