

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

The Incarnation – Knowing God – John 1:1-18

1. Someone says to you ‘You can’t really know what God is like’. How would you respond?
2. What is the difference between knowing someone and knowing about them? Why is it impossible to have a friendship or a relationship with someone unless they reveal themselves to you?
3. Read John 1:1-4. What things do we learn about ‘the Word’?
4. Read John 1:14-16. Who is ‘the Word’? What have we received from him?
5. Read John 1:18. What has ‘the Word’ or the Son of the Father done for us? Why does Jesus sound a bit frustrated with his disciple Phillip in John 14:8-9? What has Phillip missed?
6. Share with one another how Jesus life and teaching has significantly shaped your knowledge and love of God?
7. If God has made himself known in Jesus of Nazareth – why is it wrong to look for knowledge of God in other religions? How does John 14:6 shape your answer?

Areas of application

8. Knowing God – Jesus reveals to us that God is triune - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If Love always requires an object, an object that the Love loves – how does the eternal trinity remind us that God is love?
9. In your Bible reading next year – what steps can you take to make sure you keep coming back to Jesus?
10. Why do you think the temperature of the room changes when you talk about Jesus rather than talk about God? Why do we need to move beyond ‘talking about God’ to talking about Jesus?