THE WONDER OF HIS LOVE

Pastor Alan Dionson December 17, 2023

INTRO:

- 1. Looking for a perfect Christmas
- 2. Living the perfect Christmas

A. LOVE IS EVERLASTING

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life."(v. 1)

B. LOVE ENTERED OUR WORLD

"The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us." (v. 2)

C. LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (v. 3)

CONCLUSION:

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

- 1. What is one of your favorite Christmas memories? Why is it special to you?
- 2. Read John 10:10. Is it difficult to believe that Jesus wants you to have life to the full? Why or why not?
- 3. Do you tend to view the story of Christmas as Jesus providing forgiveness for your sins or as Jesus setting you free from sin? What has shaped your view of the Christmas story?
- 4. Is it difficult for you to believe that sin doesn't have to be your master and that Jesus has set you free? Why or why not?
- 5. Read Romans 6:12-14. What would it look like for you to "offer yourself to God"? How would your daily life be different?
- 6. Does sin currently master you? What can you do to remind yourself that sin is not your master because Jesus has set you free? How can your Life Group support you?