

## Bible study notes ws 2 1 21

1. Share any New Year resolutions you have made. Do you think you'll be able to keep them?
2. Read John 1: 1 - 14. How do you respond to this familiar Christmas reading? Is it comforting, mystifying, inspiring, beautiful, wonderful, confusing or what?
3. Share any thoughts you have about a favourite verse from the reading, and what that verse means to you.
4. Consider verse 1. The 'Word' translates the Greek word Logos which could mean a range of things including wisdom, story, reason, and of course Word. Have a go at 'translating' this verse into everyday English - perhaps by comparing different translations you may have to hand.
5. David suggested the idea that Logos could be translated 'Plan', as in, "God always had a Plan. That Plan existed with God; and the Plan was God." Discuss this idea.
6. In any case, the *Plan* or the *Word* or the *Reason* or the *Wisdom* or the *Son of God* became flesh according to verse 14. What are the implications of this for Christians, for all people and for the whole world?
7. Read Ephesians 1: 1 - 14. Try to summarise in everyday English the nature of God's Plan for all the universe.
8. The nub of this plan is in verse 10. But what does it mean "to bring to unity all things in heaven and on earth under Christ" (NIV)? Is this a statement about everything becoming part of the Christian religion? If not, discuss what broader, more subtle and inclusive message it might have for all humanity.
9. God's Plan includes people; at the centre of his Plan is the man Jesus Christ. Our plans therefore sit as valued details in God's overall Plan. Consider how your own plans or resolutions might be seen in this light.