

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 2:14-15

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

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**OVERVIEW****BOTTOM LINE: BORN TO DIE - LIVING ON A MISSION**

Jesus was born on a mission. His mission was to die for the sins of his children (that is you and I) and be raised from the dead so that His children could have everlasting life. It is incredible that even though his children rejected Him and wanted nothing to do with Him, God would give up his life to pay for the lives of those who rejected him. That kind of love deserves a special kind of love in return. Throughout this week's reading, we have had the opportunity to learn about how we should live our life on a mission to worship the one who lived his life on a mission to pay for our sins.

**DISCUSSION****HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR SOUL?**• **TOPIC:**

- What did you learn about John the Baptist?
- How do you think Joseph felt knowing his fiancée was pregnant from someone other than him?
- How do you think Joseph was treated by others since his fiancée was pregnant?
- How do you think Joseph struggled to treat Jesus as one of his own?
- John the Baptist dressed in weird and unfashionable clothes and ate bugs. How do you think people treated him when he preached the truth of Jesus coming?

- **FUN TO THINK ABOUT:** We see later in Jesus' life that he knows the thoughts of men such as the Pharisees. At what age do you think this started? Was he able to do this from birth?

• **APPLICATION:**

- John and Joseph hear the voice of God and know their purpose to fulfill the will of God. What has God said to you about your purpose and his will for your life? If nothing, have you asked Him?
- What is the purpose of all those who believe in Jesus? How are you doing that?

GENERAL

- While you were reading the Word of God what did you learn?
- What is something that stuck out from the reading this week?
- What is something you learned that you didn't already know?
- What questions did you have from the reading?
- What did you study, research, or talk to others about as a result of the reading?

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

- **TOPIC:**
 - How are you struggling to live your life on a mission like Joseph or John the Baptist?
 - Do you ever relate to Joseph (**persecuted because of your situation**) or John the Baptist (**persecuted because of who you are**) so you do not fulfill the mission you have been sent out by God to accomplish?

GENERAL

- Throughout the week, what other sins were you tempted with that the Holy Spirit is showing you need to let go of? How can we pray for you and help you stay accountable to the Holy Spirit?
- How many times did you miss reading this week? If you didn't read this week, why? What can you change?

HOW DID YOU FEED OTHERS?

- **TOPIC:**
 - When you think about all that Jesus did for you, does it motivate you to want to tell others about Jesus? How? Why/why not?
 - Who do you know that does not have a relationship with Jesus?
 - How have you tried to share the hope you have in Jesus with that person? If you have not, why?
 - Are there people you don't share the hope of Jesus with? Why? In what ways do you limit God's gift of Jesus for everyone when you selectively choose who should and should not hear about it?

GENERAL

- What specifically could you have done differently this week to share God's hope with someone this week?
- Did you feel stirred by the Holy Spirit to share your faith with a lost person or to encourage another believer this week and not do it? Why not?
- If you are not feeling led to share your faith or seeing chances to love others or ways to live more fully for the Lord, why do you think that is? What will you change?
- How did you encourage, teach or challenge another believer in their faith this week?



CHALLENGE

- First, spend time thinking about all God's gift of Jesus. If you aren't sure if you have a relationship with Jesus, set up a time to speak with a leader this week.
- Next, pray for someone in your life who does not have a relationship with Jesus. Commit to pray for them everyday this week and ask God to give you the opportunity to share your faith with them.
- Look at your life as a whole- the places you go, the way you spend your time, where you expend most of your energy/effort. Based on these things, what mission does it look like you were tasked with? What needs to change so that you're actually living on a mission for Jesus and the Great Commission?
- Read your Bible every day this week
- Memorize a verse or passage that the Holy Spirit speaks to you through
- Meditate, pray, journal about what you read
- Come back next week ready to talk about your week and **how you fed your SOUL | FLESH | OTHERS**



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Week 1: BORN TO DIE - Give thanks to God

Week 2: BORN TO DIE - Jesus came for everyone

Week 3: BORN TO DIE - We have a job to Go

Week 4: BORN TO DIE - Go! Share Hope

Week 5: BORN TO DIE - Prophecies & Fulfillment

Week 6: BORN TO DIE - Living on a Mission