



Unto Us: The Glorious Mystery of the Incarnation

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: John 17:5, 14:8-9, 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Timothy 2:5.

1. How do these scriptures define and explain the incarnation of Christ? Use these scriptures to build a definition of “incarnation”.

Take some time to look up and read: Philippians 2:5-8

2. Jesus showed us everything about God’s character that can be conveyed in human terms. What does this scripture passage tell us about God’s character?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

3. If Jesus had never been born, would it be possible to know the fullness of God’s love? Talk about this.
4. Here are some specific ways that the incarnation reveals God’s love for us:
 - The incarnation reveals how much God wants to be with us
 - The incarnation reveals how much God values us
 - The incarnation reveals how much God wants to help us
 - The incarnation reveals how much God will sacrifice for us
 - o Think of some additional ways that the birth of Christ uniquely teaches us and helps us understand God’s love?
 - o Which aspect of God’s love through the incarnation is easy for you to connect with and embrace?
 - o Which aspect of God’s love through the incarnation is harder for you to connect with and embrace?
5. Advent is a season of pushing back on the commercialism and busyness of this time of year to revere and worship the long Expected One, Jesus. Name some ways that you plan to stay engaged spiritually in this season.

Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)