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## Unto Us: Jesus Became Human to Save Us!

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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.

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### **Observation:** *What does this scripture passage say?*

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

### **How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.**

1. How would you respond to someone who, when asked about salvation, heaven, or their relationship with God, responds by saying:
  - “I’ll probably make it into heaven because, I’m a pretty good person. I try my best. I think I’ve done more good than bad.”
  - “Is it that simple that someone who has done really evil things can get into heaven if they confess Christ?”
  - “How do I know if I’m really saved? How can I be sure?”
2. Take some time to read together: 2 Corinthians 5:21. When we trust in Christ, we make an exchange – our sin for his righteousness. Our sin was poured into Christ at his crucifixion, His righteousness is poured into us at our conversion. This is what Christians mean by Christ’s atonement for sin. In the world, bartering works only when two people exchange goods of relatively equal value. But God offers to trade his righteousness for our sin – something of immeasurable worth for something completely worthless.
  - Has everyone in your group shared their salvation story? If not, take some time to share personal stories about the “great exchange” described above.
  - What gets in the way of regular rejoicing and gratitude for the great gift of salvation?
3. 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. Have you been able to stay engaged spiritually, relationally, and with those in need during this season? Talk about it.

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### **Surrender:** *Responding to God’s voice.*

4. 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 \*\***

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#### 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)