

INVESTIGATING

HOW WE KNOW.
WHY WE FOLLOW.

INTRODUCTION

The four Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) give a testimony of the life and ministry of Jesus with their own particular perspective. Matthew shows how Jesus is the promised Jewish Messiah who came to bring outsiders into the family of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever had to testify in court or another setting? Share with the group what that experience was like.
2. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you felt out of place or that you just didn't belong?
3. What if anything surprised you about the Jesus that Matthew testifies about?
4. Does the fact that Matthew includes certain "outsiders" in the genealogy of Jesus make it easier for you to feel including in the family of God? Why or why not?
5. In our culture "inclusion" can carry a lot of weight or baggage. Does Jesus' radical inclusion ever make you uncomfortable? What can this group do to help you work through your discomfort?
6. The first step in fulfilling the Great Commission is to go and tell. With that in mind who in your life needs to hear about Jesus. Make plans to tell them about Him or to invite them to Easter to hear the story of Jesus.