



## study questions



Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

### INTRODUCTION

Think about the last story you read or the last movie you watched that caught your attention and touched you so deeply that you contemplated it for days. Wasn't it an adventure that seemed impossible? Were you feeling the struggle of the characters as they moved along? Then there was an unexpected and even inexplicable twist, wasn't there? "How'd he pull that off?", we say. "I thought it was over and then it all came together."

All great stories are like that. They all play out in that way. In fact many would say that the first story, the greatest story, is exactly like that and launched the theme of all other great stories. It's the reason stories grab our hearts so powerfully. The thing about that story is that it isn't just a story. It actually happened. It's main character and the eyewitnesses claim it was true.

That true story, of course, is the events that took place when God came in human form. He came to us. It really is the story of our lives. We don't understand it all the time, but something about Jesus tells us, whether we've got him all figured out or not, the answers are in him and nowhere else. And, that's quite a "twist."

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Looking back on your life as a follower of Jesus, when has the miracle of Jesus coming to earth meant the most to you? Why is that?
2. Jesus came to save us by assuming humanity so that he could break the hold of evil and sin on this world. But surely God had vast options and resources. Why do you think God was so concerned that we know who he is and what he does, that he was willing to send his own Son into the mess?
3. **Read John 14:1-11 together.**
  - a. What does this passage tell you about God's motivations?
  - b. Why is it so hard for the disciples to get what Jesus is saying at first? (Remember we are at an advantage. We've got the whole Bible story line.)
  - c. **Read John 1:14-18.** Do you think John is having a hard time getting the words out? Why?
  - d. In Jesus' answer to Philip (14:9) what do you see that answers some of your own questions about Jesus?
  - e. What does Jesus mean by "believe me"?
4. Have you taken up Dwain's challenge to read one of the Gospels while asking the question, *What do we learn about the Father from the Son?*
  - a. How can the people of your group be praying for you this week, or the coming month as you read, listen, and watch Jesus?
  - b. As you listen to and watch Jesus, what question about God would you most like to learn the answer to? Pray that back to him.

### MOVING FORWARD

The miracle of Jesus' incarnation is not only the greatest gift ever given to this world and to all humankind, but for each of us individually as well. To think that he came to show us the real deal, the truth about God, is something that becomes more stunning the longer you contemplate it.

Make time this week and for the next 6 weeks (leading up to Easter) to do just that.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory..." John 1:14