

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Christmas 2018 - Part 2

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Introduction

Around 2,000 years ago God came to earth as a helpless baby boy. It was the moment that the ordinary became extraordinary. Through this simple act we see an incredible paradox, that Jesus calls us to become like him, who became like us.

Bible Passage

Matthew 1:18-25, Philippians 2:5-11

Discussion

1. Read Matthew 1:18-25. God the Creator chose to come to earth and engage human beings to bring about his full plan for humanity. What challenges you about this reality? What does it show of God's character?
2. The stable was not the pretty nativity scene that we so often see depicted on Christmas cards. It was smelly and messy and a very unlikely place for the Son of God to be born. What does this say to you about how God shows his love to us? What can we learn from this?
3. Read Philippians 2:5-11. God chose humility as the pathway to connect with those he longed to save. What does humility look like for you? What do you need to change to become more like Jesus?

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4. Jesus taught his disciples to imitate him by showing love especially to those who least deserved it. How can we too show God's love to those around us?
5. We are called to become like Jesus, who became like us. Discuss.

Respond

God is calling each of us to say "Yes" to him and to step out in faith to demonstrate his love to those around us. Who can you invite into the celebrations this Christmas time to show the love of God in a practical way? Who needs to see the love and hope of Jesus through you?

