

Discussion Guide

Section #15: THE BIRTH AND CALL OF JESUS

Group Question:

1. Where do you see God's supernatural involvement in this story?

Leader Information: Possible answers: Prophecies fulfilled, angels appearing to people, virgin birth...

Group Questions:

1. Do these miraculous occurrences make the story more or less believable to you?
2. Would there really be a story without them?

Leader Information: Many will still have doubts, especially about the virgin birth. But help them see that without the supernatural (God) element there really is no story. The events that show His power are the parts that we have difficulty believing. We must take a step of faith. In order to prove that you believe an airplane will fly you must get on the airplane. Encourage them to ask God to help them in their unbelief. You could spend an hour or more discussing their doubts. Try to move on after about 10 minutes.

Read this Scripture to the Group:

“Behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David” (Luke 1:31-32).

Group Questions:

1. Can you name any of the ancient prophecies that were fulfilled in this segment of the life of Jesus?
2. Why do you think the prophet, John the Baptist, pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold the lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world?”



Show the Following Segment from the *God's Story* video:

“After seventy years of captivity”
(Picture of globe)... through...
“the lamb sent from God.” (short full face shot of lamb) 4 minutes



Leader Information: Possible responses you hope to hear: Jesus was born in the prophesied city of Bethlehem; Jesus was born of a virgin; John was fulfilling an old prophecy; Jesus would be a sacrifice to die for the sins of all people; John recognized Jesus as the promised Savior; God told Him to say that prophecy.

Whether they give good answers to question 2, or do not get anything close to right, don't comment and go to transition statement.

Transition Statement: Let's see as we finish the video if we can verify why John said this about Jesus. We might also find out if John was a true prophet from God when he said "Jesus was the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world."