

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS Like Jesus: Begin Like Jesus

This series focuses on the idea that Jesus life is the perfect example for us to follow. Would you like to know what a life lived for God looks like? Look no further than the life of Christ. This week we thought about the way His life began, choosing humility, vulnerability, and weakness. What purpose does the humanity of Jesus accomplish?



Begin with Your HEART

Let's get the discussion started with some questions for the group to get to know each other better. Remember the joy and struggle of what it was like to be born, to depend on others, to grow up and experience being human. Jesus had similar experiences.

1. How did your life begin? Share about the situation you were born into.
2. Was there ever a time when you "stood out" as a child? What made you stand out and was it a good or bad experience?
3. Were you ever treated unfairly or misunderstood growing up? Share what bothered you the most about that.
4. What about Jesus would have made him MORE or LESS well-liked do you think?

In the WORD

Let's look at the importance of understanding the humanity of Jesus. The incarnation is a marvelous mystery; Jesus was both fully God and fully man in one person. He had a human body [grew and got tired], mind [increased in wisdom], and emotions [joy and sorrow]. He became the perfect man, the man that God intended man to be. He was not just God in a man costume. Because of this, Jesus is the perfect example of what it means to live a life honoring to God, but He was also our obedient representative and substitute sacrifice for sin. Identify Jesus' humanity in the passage and then look for the purpose or result of that humanity.

Jesus' Humanity

Purpose/Result of His Humanity

Philippians 2:5-11

Hebrews 2:14-18

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 5:7-14

Hebrews 10:19-25

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be fully human?

Paul catalogues Jesus' resurrection appearances in [1 Corinthians 15:3-9](#) [READ]. How important is it that we believe that Jesus actually came back from death, and rose from the grave bodily? [see [1 Corinthians 15:12-23](#)]. Explain this in your own words to your group – how would you say what Paul is saying about the importance of the resurrection.

My LIFE - our MISSION

The humanity of Jesus adds dimension to our understanding of what it means to connect people to a life-defining relationship IN CHRIST. After working through this study, are there specific ways in which you think of Jesus as being more like you than before?

Jesus lived within a family unit as the oldest brother, the first-born son. He had a mom and dad, brothers and sisters and extended relatives. How will you approach any of those roles differently, thinking of Jesus as an example to follow in that relationship? What changes if you think of being a brother like Jesus, parenting like Jesus, or being a cousin like Jesus?

Jesus came to us and sought us out to rescue us by taking the form of a servant. His sacrifice opened up the door for us to have a relationship with the Father through the forgiveness of our sin. Though Jesus didn't have a house to call home, the welcome mat of his life was well worn. Stop and ask today, "How worn is my welcome mat?" What am I doing to invite others closer to me and closer to Jesus? Is this part of my life LIKE JESUS?