

**Series:** Are You the One?

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**Message:** Jesus Changes Everything

**Text:** Hebrews 2:1-11; Acts 17:27-31

## DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE

### BIG IDEA: THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

#### Getting Started

How did you picture God when you were young?  
Someone close or far away?

#### Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. Why would Jesus start life here on earth as a baby? Why not as a king or warrior?
2. The name "Jesus" was very common in the first century. What does this name signify?
3. Jesus was born to ordinary people, Mary and Joseph. Why did God choose them?
4. Have you ever felt that you needed to get your life straightened out before you could come to church? Why or why not?
5. The genealogy of Jesus includes some people who were not even Jewish (Gentiles, Moabites, Canaanites) and also those famous for doing the wrong things. What does this say about who Jesus came to love?

6. What helps you to feel close to God? How does Jesus' birth remind you that God is near?

7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

**Prayer:** Jesus, thank you for coming to earth to show us that God is not distant and uncaring. You want to be right with us, close to your creation. Thank you for loving us, right where we are. We don't have to get cleaned up to come to you. Thank you for the gift of your love and grace, that is available to all. Amen.

**Going Deeper:** Read Matthew Chapter 1:1-17. What do you notice about the genealogy of Jesus? What patterns do you see? Then read the rest of Chapter 1:18-25. What details do you see in Matthew's account of Jesus' birth? What do you notice about Mary and Joseph?

### FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

*"His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. For in Him we live and move and exist."* Acts 17:27-28

*"Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters."* Hebrews 2:11