



BiG iDEA SMALL GROUP DiSCUSSiON GiDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

11.28.09//11.29.09 // Mystery Messiah: Ancestry

BiG iDEA: Christmas reveals the mystery that the Messiah would identify with us in our humanity so that He could empathize with us and qualify to die in our place.

// **Ice Breaker** _____

Option 1: If you could get the answer to one mystery, what mystery would it be? Why?

Option 2: Share your most 'unique' ancestor and what makes them 'unique'.

// **Questions for Discussion** _____

1. Read John 1: 14

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus was the Son of God and divine.

- a. **What are some ways we can know He was divine?**
- b. **Why is His being God important?**

2. Read 2 Samuel 7:16-17

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever. Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation.

Matthew 22: 42 "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?" "The son of David," they replied.

- a. **In 2 Samuel, what promise did God give to David through the prophet Nathan?**
- b. **What is the significance of Jesus ancestry?**

3. Read Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel. (approximately 700BC)

- a. **Do you think Jesus' birth was like everyone else's or supernatural?**
- b. **Do you think it matters which it was?**

4. **Read Matthew 26: 64 b** In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.
Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

Jesus relates to being fully human by calling Himself the Son of Man.

- a. Do you think Jesus struggled with the same things we do?
b. How does Jesus being a real man give you encouragement in being a 3C Christian (Committed, Connected, Contributing)?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:57** But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- a. What are some practical things we can do to help us have the victory that is written about here?
b. Have the group share some examples of overcoming in their lives through Jesus.

// **Application** _____

Read and commit to memory 1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We cannot change our ancestors.

We can change our descendents and our own heritage.

Purpose to make this Christmas season a time of acknowledging what Jesus has done for you. Pray for opportunities to share this hope with friends and family.

// **Prayer** _____

- Thank God for what He has gift of Jesus.
- Pray for a focus on Jesus this Season.



*"It's elementary my dear Watson.
The Bible has the answers to life's mysteries."*