



SESSION 2 - MIGHTY GOD

SERIES BIG IDEA

The one whose Name is above all names wants to be our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

As Mighty God, Jesus empowers us to live a life of courage.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-23, Ephesians 1:18-21, & Ephesians 3:20-21

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Use this time to open your group and break the ice. The second question is designed to help groups become more comfortable with the topic of the day and to engage each other.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read the scripture out loud and allow your group time to think through the questions. In the first passage we see, both the vulnerability of God here in coming as a child, but also at least three different versions of power. The first is Jesus being conceived at all, the second is the dream sent to Joseph that persuaded him to stay with Mary, and the third is the way the prophecies of old were being fulfilled through the trust of normal people who believed God could work in and through them.

Use the third question to talk about all the different ways Jesus' power is explained, from the moment of his human conception to the work after his resurrection. Christ's power extends and extends.

APPLICATION

These are simple questions, yet could have complex responses. Let your group walk through them slowly. Use them to delve deeper into what God's power means right now for each of us. We aren't shown power then told not to touch; instead, we're invited into power and asked to change the world person by person. Encourage your group to make this as applicable and real as possible.

CHALLENGE

Partner up in your group and discuss how you would finish this sentence: "Jesus, I need your power to..." Then spend time praying for each other. Go through the rest of your week praying for each other, remembering that God has promised that we can live in God's power, rejecting the old systems, and living in new freedom of purpose.