



TURN *the* PAGE

SESSION 8 - FROM WAITING TO WONDER

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

“Turn the Page” by recognizing the everyday wonders of Jesus in our world.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20, Matthew 15:29-31

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

These are designed to help your group start talking. Feel free to find your own icebreaker or maybe a lead a conversation already taking place in the group toward the main idea. Use the opening thought to ease conversation into the Bible discussion.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

When stories are very familiar to us, we run the risk of losing our sense of wonder at God’s indwelling, advent power. Today’s Bible reading is often the most familiar story of any to people, even those who have only a casual relationship to the church. The goal here is to hear the text with new ears and an open heart. You could even try reading it with an accent and see if that changes the story for anyone.

LIFE APPLICATION

Some of these questions might be vulnerable questions for group members, so please go first if you think your group might need an example to help them become comfortable enough to share. Waiting on God can be a very painful experience, disheartening and uncomfortable to admit. Yet there are no right or wrong answers with these questions, especially those dealing with our experiences and perspectives. Give your group permission to say what’s on their hearts and minds.

Remember that for the first Christians, God becoming a baby was a scandalous idea. It was outrageous, absurd, impossible! For a lot of people in that period, this incarnation was the greatest stumbling block to becoming Christ followers because they took its implications so seriously. If God could come as a baby, then what else was possible in God? Where could God be expected to breakthrough or go next? God became completely unpredictable and that can be uncomfortable to consider.

CHALLENGE

Pair off in your group and share where you need to see God break through your life. Take turns sharing and then pray for each other. Pray for each other throughout the week – that God would open your eyes to daily see the wonders of Jesus.