

Harvest

Evangelical Free Church

SERIES: Real Christianity in a Confused World • Lesson 4
For Adult Bible Fellowships and Small Groups Meeting July 5-July 11, 2009

Join us in being
on mission with
God!

OUR VISION

To continually mature and grow as a united body of Jesus-imitators who live out God's greatest commandment to "Love" by exalting God and serving one another, and His greatest commission to "Go" by reaching into and shaping our local, regional, and global communities.

Core Values

Truth
Love
Community



“One Like Us?”

Philippians 2:5-11

Getting Started

After an introductory time, discuss the following questions in your group or class.

All of us like to believe that we have the ability so solve our own problems. This self-sufficiency is celebrated in the business world, in sports, and even in the church.

1. What are some ways you see this self-sufficiency in action? How do you succumb to this tendency?

Thinking about Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

2. What are some ways from Scripture you can defend that Jesus is fully man?
Hint: see John 4:6

3. What are some ways from Scripture you can defend that Jesus is fully God?
Hint: see Romans 14:9

Without the word of God, we would know nothing about God's expectations for us or now to be reconciled to Him.

4. What is the significance of the statement "Israel's promised Messiah"? How is it that this reference to Jesus connects the two testaments, the Old and the New? How will this affect our understanding of the Bible?

5. What is unique about Jesus conception? Though not an immaculate conception, would it be accurate to refer this as a miraculous conception? Why? Why is the miraculous conception important, i.e. what does it mean for Jesus?

6. How was it that Jesus was able to live a sinless life? Were His temptations real, i.e. could He or could He not sin?

7. What does Jesus' resurrection mean? What is the importance for understanding who Jesus is, and what are the implications to those who are in union with Christ? Why is it important to emphasize Jesus' bodily resurrection?

*Romans 5:6
You see, at just
the right time,
when we were still
powerless, Christ
died for the
ungodly.*



8. Not only did Jesus rise from the dead, He also ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father. What does this mean to the earthly work of Jesus? What does the posture of “sits” imply, and what is the meaning of sitting at God the Father’s right hand?

9. Jesus now carries on a ministry of High Priest and Advocate. This means though His earthly ministry is complete, He carries on a heavenly ministry. Who does this ministry affect? What does it mean? Why is it vital?

10. Read Romans 1:1-6. What do you learn about Jesus’ humanity (Jesus is man) from this passage? What about His deity (Jesus is God)?

11. What was one of the roles of Jesus during his time on earth (Hebrews 1:1-2)? What are his roles now (Heb. 2:17, 3:1; Romans 8:34; Heb. 7:25)?



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12. What was the function of the High Priest? How does Jesus fulfill this role?
- Leviticus 16; Hebrews 7:23-28

13. Read Philippians 2:6-11. What can you learn about the incarnation of Jesus from this text?

14. Why does Jesus being fully man and fully God matter? Why is this important?
