

The Incarnation of Christ

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

- 1.) What are your earliest memories of Christmas in your home? How much focus was given on the birth of Christ during Christmas compared to other Christmas traditions?
- 2.) Why do you think the concept of God becoming a man is so important in the Christian faith?
- 3.) What is it that makes it so hard for many folks (including other religions) to believe that Jesus was fully God and fully man?
- 4.) What is the danger of holding to an Ebionistic view of God (i.e. – fully man, but not fully God)? What is the danger of holding to a Docetistic view of God (i.e. – fully God, but not fully man)?
- 5.) Why do you suppose God waited until the birth of Jesus to reveal Himself fully to His creation?
- 6.) If Jesus was truly the incarnation of God, how does this bring extraordinary comfort to those who are suffering, sick, or otherwise in great distress?
- 7.) If Jesus was truly the Son of God, how does the fact of the incarnation assure Christians that God loves them?
- 8.) What's the most encouraging aspect of Christ's incarnation to you?
- 9.) What does an "incarnational" ministry look like for you? What barriers might you have to overcome in order to develop a stronger "incarnational" ministry to the people/culture around you?
- 10.) What can we learn from the humility of Christ in His incarnation?