

Discussion Questions

1. What wonders of God (large or small) have you personally witnessed? What was your response? Have you shared your experience with others?
2. Pretend a scary-looking angel just rang your doorbell. You open the door and he says, "Hey there! God really likes you alot and He is with you." (Luke 1:28) He then proceeds to tell you an outlandish plan God has cooked up that sounds risky, impossible, and maybe even a little sketchy. You can tell already this is really going to mess up the plan you had for your life and you doubt that anyone is going to believe the truth when you tell them.
What questions do you have? What's your response? Will you accept the assignment you've been given, or will you tell the crazy dude to get lost and leave you alone?
3. Has God done something that surprised or even shocked you? How did you react? Were you tempted to refuse His gifts because they didn't come wrapped the way you expected? Were you hurt, disappointed, or scared? Did you trust Him in spite of your unanswered questions? Maybe all of the above? (Ps 131:1-2, Ps 139:6)
4. What are you wondering about today that is inferring with your desire or ability to trust Jesus with every aspect of your life? Can you give it to God and choose to believe anyway? Remember, you don't have to understand the whole plan to take the next step.
5. What is one promise of God you cling to? Why is this Scripture important to you? How has it helped you in your daily life or in your darkest hours?
6. Does God seem to be moving like molasses in your life right now? Are you growing weary of the waiting, longing for Him to show up and be the White Knight in Shining Armor you so desperately need? Can you hold on a little longer? He has not abandoned you nor will He ever. He **is** coming. And He will always be right on time.

7. Have you spent part of your life out in the cold storms of life when you could have been warm and safe in the “barn”? Do you ever misunderstand God’s intentions toward you and think He’s out to get you when all He wants is to rescue you? Can you let His perfect love push aside your fear so you are free to cooperate with what He wants to do in your life?

8. How does it help you to know that God has experienced life as a human? He suffered everything you do, yet He endured without sin and emerged victorious. How do you feel closer to God knowing He is not some distant undefined force, but a real spiritual being who has walked in your shoes and taken your place on the cross so that He could be with you forever?

9. What does it mean to you that your body is God’s temple? How do you or will you live differently knowing that you are a vessel for the Holy Spirit of God and you carry Him with you wherever you go?

10. Are you in utter awe that you have personal access to the Most Holy God of the Universe? You can’t visit the president. You can’t even talk to your doctor without an appointment. God says to you, “Come into my throne room and sit upon my lap anytime. Tell me your thoughts and feelings as you listen to my voice singing over you.” (Zeph 3:17, Heb 4:16) How does that make you feel? Special? Important? Beloved?

11. How does the heavenly description of Jesus differ from the earthly one? (Rev 1:13-18, Dan 10:5-6, Is 53:2) How does contemplating John’s revelation of Jesus change your image of who Jesus is?

12. As you celebrate Christmas this year, how can you remind yourself to look forward to the “2nd Christmas” that is to come?

13. What are you looking forward to the most about Jesus’ return--the “Second Christmas”?

14. What wonder will cause you to stand in awe of God this Christmas season? How will you use your wonder to fuel your worship?