

## “God Entered Our Genealogy”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
<p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Group Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Leader:</b> This week is the last week for the semester.</li> <li>Discuss when you would like to start back in January, and if you have any plans over the break.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John 8:31-38</li> <li>Galatians 4:4-7</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What were we all slaves to before coming to faith in Jesus?</li> <li>What do we become after we come to faith in Jesus?</li> <li>Do you live as though you are truly “free”? If not, how can this group help you live out your freedom in Christ?</li> </ul>
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exodus 3:7-15</li> <li>John 8:39-59</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In what ways did Jesus offend the Jewish people in John 8?</li> <li>What is the ultimate offense they want to stone Him for?</li> <li>Why was their genealogy back to Abraham not enough?</li> <li>What did He want them to do, instead?</li> <li>How does this further the idea that Jesus had to step into our genealogy (humanity) in order to save us?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians believe that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) God has a Son</li> <li>(2) His Son is fully God (equal to God);</li> <li>(3) His Son is fully human (born of a woman)</li> </ul> </li> <li>People tend to struggle with the fact that Jesus is fully human or that He is fully God. Which is harder for you to believe – that Jesus went through puberty, or is God – and why?</li> <li>As silly as the illustration was, Pastor Dave referenced the way “Buddy the Elf” expressed <i>joy</i> and <i>excitement</i> about Santa coming that stood out in the dark world he lived in. How is this actually a good example for how we are to be “lights” in the darkness around us. (1 Pet 2:9)</li> <li><b>Pray:</b> for the joy of salvation to return to anyone who needs it</li> </ul>