

# LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## SUPERNATURAL EXPECTATIONS I

Philippians 2:5-11

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### MEMORY VERSE

*“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*

(Philippians 2:5–8, ESV)

### DISCUSSION STARTERS

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man in one person, and will be so forever. This week we will be looking at the humanity of Jesus. Discuss as a group why the full humanity of Jesus was necessary. Consider the following:

- Representative obedience – Jesus obeyed for us where Adam failed and disobeyed.
- To be a substitute sacrifice
- To be the one mediator between God and men
- To fulfill God’s original purpose for man to rule over creation
- To be our example and pattern in life
- To sympathize as High Priest
- To be the pattern for our redeemed bodies

### STUDY QUESTIONS

We will discuss two aspects of Jesus’ humanity, his virgin birth and his human weaknesses and limitations. As you read through the scriptures and discuss each point identify which of the aspects of Jesus’ humanity are most compelling and convincing to you. Which one(s) do you find most challenging?



## Jesus had a Virgin Birth

1. Read Matthew 1:18-25
  - *“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.” (v18)*
  - *“... for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” (v20)*
  - *“but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.” (v25)*
2. The Virgin birth is significant for three reasons:
  - It shows that salvation ultimately must come from the Lord.
  - It made possible the uniting of full deity and full humanity in one person.
  - It made possible Christ’s true humanity without inherited sin.

## Jesus had Human Weaknesses and Limitations

1. Jesus had a human body
  - He was born (Luke 2:7)
  - He grew from childhood to adulthood (Luke 2:40, 52)
  - He became tired (John 4:6)
  - He needed sleep (Matthews 8:24)
  - We became thirsty (John 19:28)
  - He became hungry (Matthew 4:2)
  - He was strengthened by angels (Matthew 4:11)
  - He experienced weakness and fatigue following his beating (Luke 23:26)
  - He died (Luke 23:46)
  - He had a real body after his resurrection (Luke 24:39)
2. Jesus had a human mind
  - He went through a learning process (Luke 2:52, Hebrews 5:8)
  - He didn’t know when the day of his return (Mark 13:32)
3. Jesus had a human soul and human emotions
  - His soul was troubled (John 12:27; 13:21)
  - He was sorrowful about his suffering (Matthew 26:38)
  - He marveled at the faith of the centurion (Matthews 8:10)
  - We wept at the death of Lazarus (John 11:35)
  - His prayers were full of emotion (Hebrews 5:7)
  - He had the ability to be tempted (Hebrews 4:15 - which shows his full humanity as James 1:13 states that God cannot be tempted with evil)



