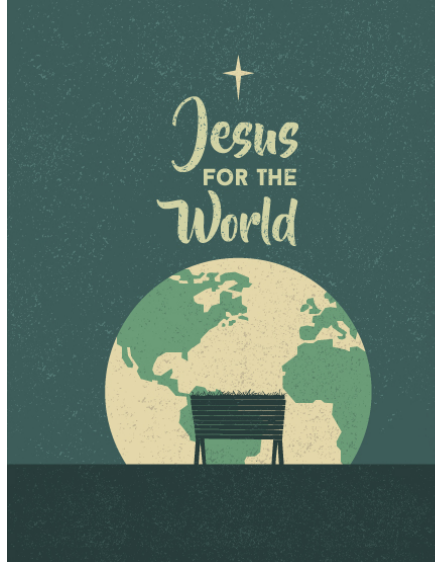


# The Revelation of God

Week of December 18, 2016



*These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.*

## Message Recap:

Read Luke 2:8-20

When Jesus came to Earth, not very many knew about it. God wanted to reveal the coming of his son to a few people, and so he sent the angels to tell the shepherds. In turn, they became inspired to share this good news that they'd been told, and so they told many others. And on and on it's gone, through the ages, to us. God has asked us to do the same thing. We may all have different talents and roles, but our mission is the same. God has given us a mission to be the light to the world, we just need to believe in him, and then we can be *his* revelation to those who have not come to believe yet.

## Pray

Lord, we thank you for sending your only Son into our world, so that your glory could be revealed through the ages, all the way down to us now. We ask for your help in continuing this revelation to all people, that we may inspire others to a life fully immersed in the grace of your love. We know that on our own we may feel inadequate, but that with you, anything is possible. Give us your strength this Christmas season, so that we can have the courage to go out into a world full of darkness, potentially as the only light that will shine on some of those lost to it.

## Getting Started

- Have you ever had a role that you had to play, perhaps in a school play or a role at work that was outside of your normal scope of responsibilities? What talents did you possess that got you that role?
- What was it like filling a role that was perhaps different than you normally behaved?

## Digging Deeper

1. What do you think the role is that Jesus has asked you to fill for him given your talents?
2. Do you think you're fully living up to the role that you just described for yourself, or are you following your own path?
3. What is holding you back from completely filling the role that God has for you?
4. Is there anything that has inspired you to fulfill God's plan in your life?
5. If you're not fully inspired right now, how can you find that inspiration again?
6. What are some specific ways that you can be a revelation to the world around you in your daily life?
7. Who do you know that needs to hear about Jesus today? Who is God specifically calling you to be a revelation to?

## Living Jesus

Jesus came to our world to be a revelation of the love of the Father. Without him we would still be lost, with no hope for anything better. If Jesus could come and live as a human, ultimately sacrificing his own life so that we could be saved, can't we at least offer him our lives to follow in his example as best we can? There's a whole world out there that's still in need of a revelation. *We can be that revelation.*

*Remember:* This is the season that we are celebrating God's revelation come to us. *Reflect:* Think about all God has given us, and try to find inspiration in his grace. *Act:* Live Jesus! Change your world. Become God's revelation in the lives of those around you.