

Small Group Study Guide

ICE BREAK

- How often have you moved in your life? Biggest move?
- What was your best, worst, biggest move?

STUDY

This week we focus on the power of Jesus' move to become human and move to inhabit each of us.

1. Read John 1:14 "The word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood."

- a. Omnipotent God made himself breakable, pierceable, dependent, a fetus.
- b. How does that impact you as the "Biggest Move Ever: God towards us"?

2. Other Movements at that First Christmas:

*Jesus Parents Bethlehem. Lk 2, Mt 2 *Magi to Bethlehem/Jerusalem Mt 2:1 *Shepherds from fields to Bethlehem. Lk 2.8-15 *Simeon- Encounter Jesus(8 days old)* Lk 2.25-27*Gabriel-Zecharia

How does all this movement by God impact your trust in him- i.e. He is not distant nor passive?

3. Luke 1: 26-34 Gabriel visits Mary-Jesus' Birth

- a. How does Mary's troubled response make sense to you? Are God's messages often troubling?
- b. Mary was not given a choice in following God's will. Do we have free will in everything?
- c. How do you react to being told what to do- not given a choice/react to authority?
- d. For Jesus to be born and live inside of us- we must continually surrender. What are some ways you have surrendered?

- e. Have you ever been in the position in life like a servant-below someone else, obedient? How was that like discipleship?
- f. The way Christ entered and exited this world was HARD. What is on your too hard list now?

REFLECT

- Reflect and Discuss ways in which Christ can move more into your life.

PRAY

- Pray for each other's needs and especially the hard things that hinder Christ-dwelling in you.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the mission God has given to move into others lives through you.