





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WELCOME & ENGAGE

- Spend time welcoming everyone as they arrive.
- Create an intentional environment.
- Watch the Ethos online experience.
- Sing, lean in, take notes, be vocal.

OVERVIEW

Continuing in our series “Christmas...more than just a nice story”, we dive into the hope the prophet Isaiah was pointing to in Isaiah 9:6. Isaiah describes the son to be born as, “Mighty God.” However, we learn that mighty looked a lot different than anyone expected. Jesus doesn’t impose His will and take over as many expected, instead He simply submitted to the will of the Father. This even resulted in the sacrifice of His own life. Jesus sets forth an example for us, and what it looks like to live in humble obedience to God. However, this is often a challenge for us for a variety of reasons. The key for us to overcome the challenge this presents is to look at the reason we celebrate Christmas, the love of God exemplified in the sacrifice of His one and only son.

“For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
-Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus is our example and demonstrates to us what true and complete submission to the Father looks like. However, following His example isn’t always easy. What area of your life do you have the most trouble submitting? And why?
2. Westin and Jensen explained three reasons why we have a hard time submitting and coming under God’s mission. Which of those reasons resonates the most with you? How can you overcome these challenges?
3. Philippians 2:8 says that Jesus humbled himself in obedience to God. What does it look like to live a life of humble obedience without a personal agenda? How do you know when you are living within God’s vision and mission for your life?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, thank you for showing us what it truly means to live a mighty life. Open out hearts to live in humble submission to you. Realizing that our strength comes in our obedience to your words. In Jesus’ name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!