

The Heart of The Story (The Birth of a King) | Discussion Questions 3.1.15

Read Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1-3, 14. What similarities do you see between the two passages? How does this shape your understanding of **The Story**? How does this shape your understanding of Jesus? (Hint: Jesus is the Word as described in John 1:1-3, 14)

In Chapter 22 of the Story, we are introduced to two kings: King Herod and King Jesus. From a cultural perspective, why was Herod considered to have dignity and Jesus was considered not to have dignity?

Jesus changed the way we think about dignity. Read Philippians 2:5-12. What characterizes dignity from Jesus' perspective?

Jesus chose to enter our world, not just as a human, but a fragile, illegitimate child. Why do you think he chose this way?

Jesus, coming to earth the way he did, changed the way we view people. Read Genesis 1:26. Being made in "the image of God" has influenced people and history. Try and reflect on history and make a list of individuals or groups of people who have been affected by this understanding?

How did Jesus regard children? Why did he regard them in this way?

Read Matthew 18:1-6

Read Matthew 19:13-15

How should Genesis 1:26 shape the way you live and treat others?

"Our God shed his dignity so we could find ours and so that others could find theirs." What is a proper response for a disciple based on this statement?