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| <p><b>Small Groups</b></p>  <p><i>Connect. Care. Change.</i></p> | <p><b>Jesus the Human</b><br/>Session Two</p> <p>Term: Oct/Nov, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> of 5 Studies</p> |
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*GREY CUP! Hey everyone! The Grey Cup is coming up soon. Sunday, November 26, 5:00 PM. Some are meeting earlier for their study with the game and party to follow. What are you doing?*

**1. Crowd-breaker** (15min) [Leaders, please don't skip this.]

- Discuss an experience you have had with death. Do you remember your feelings and thoughts? Why did it disturb you?

**2. Video** (5 min) Watch the Session 2 video together.

**3. Introduction**

*...may I dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.* (Ps.27:4)

The humanity of Jesus is as equally important as the deity of Jesus. Jesus was born as a human being while still being totally divine. The concept of the humanity of Jesus co-existing with His deity is difficult for the finite mind of man to comprehend. Nevertheless, Jesus' nature—wholly man and wholly God—is a biblical fact.

There are those who reject these biblical truths and declare that Jesus was a man, but not God. This heresy is called Ebionism. The opposite view called Docetism, also a heresy, is the view that Jesus was God, but not human. Both are unbiblical and false.

Today we are getting to know Jesus the human whom John also revealed is God. As God, Jesus was able to forgive sins and perform His signs and wonders. But John reveals that Jesus was human and today we discover why Jesus had to be born as a human being.

**4. Scripture** Read: John 1:10-18

Leaders, only assign paragraphs to those who like to read.

**5. Discussion** (45 min)

1. John wants us to know that Jesus is Human. Locate John 1:14. From your general knowledge, what are some examples of how Jesus truly functioned as a human?

2. Jesus had to be born as a human being for several reasons:

**1<sup>st</sup> Reason:** Read Galatians 4:4–7 & 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Jesus our savior had to become like us to save us.
- How does this encourage you?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reason:** Read Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22 & 10:4

- Adam and Eve were warned that they would die if they ate the fruit. Sadly, they did eat and they did suffer the consequences of their sin: they died spiritually [separated from God] and then they eventually died physically. Jesus came to earth to die in our place so we could be reunited with God and be given new bodies.

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished...he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.  
-John 19:28-30

- Never again would the blood of bulls, goats and lambs cleanse people of their sin.
- We don't like to discuss this aspect of our faith, i.e., the shedding of blood for the removal of sin. But why is it important?

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reason:** Read Hebrews 4:14-16

- Why do you think that this is important?

3. Read 1 John 1:1-3.

Throughout history, heresies have arisen about Jesus. Some would suggest that Jesus was NOT human. The doctrine of Jesus' humanity is critical to our faith.

- Why might some people want to reject the teaching that Jesus was fully human?

**6. Prayer time** not everyone has to pray out loud.

*Fellowship and Snack*