

startingpoint

— the series —

PART 1: Something Happened

INTRODUCTION

Everything that exists had a starting point . . . including you. You may have started on purpose. You may have started by accident (from your parents' perspective). You may even have started through the magic of medical science. Whatever the circumstances, you had a starting point and it began before you were aware of it.

Physical life is one of many starting points. Your formal education had a starting point. Your career had a starting point. Your romantic life had a starting point. Your experience as a parent had a starting point.

Faith has a starting point as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about God's involvement with the world, what are three words that come to mind?
2. What one thing do you most associate with Jesus?
3. Talk about a story, person, or experience that has influenced the way you look at God.
4. Share about a time when you realized that life was bigger than just you. How did that experience change the direction of your life?
5. How and when did your faith journey get started?
6. How would you currently describe your perspective on faith?

MOVING FORWARD

God did something outrageous in this outrageous world he created. He wants you to know about it because it has personal implications for you. The starting point for adult faith is not a Bible story. It's not even the Bible. It's a question: *"Who is this Jesus?"*

The starting point for adult faith is a person. Jesus came to remove the mystery, to make what was previously unknown, known. Jesus came to bring light to a dark world.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

John 12:46