

## WHY IS THAT IN THE BIBLE

Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website [www.vcfj.org](http://www.vcfj.org) and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

### OVERVIEW

- o In what ways does Christ's birth challenge our very Theological understandings?

**Why does God HAVE TO VEIL HIMSELF?**

***Genesis 2:21-22***

***Genesis 3:8-11***

- o What did God communicate to Satan after the fall of Adam and Eve?
- o What is God saying in ***Gen 3:15***?
- o Why did God veil Himself after the fall of Adam and Eve?
- o Since God is veiling Himself as He appears to us in "human form," how does that influence your perception?
- o How does that influence our priorities?
- o How does that influence your taste?

## Why did God COMMUNICATE WITH MEN?

- o Read *Acts 7:2-4, Gen 12:1-7 and Gen 15:1-6* and discuss how God appeared to Abraham and what was God's message to Abraham?
- o In *Gen. 15:1-6*, we read the Word of Yahweh coming to Abram. What was being told to Abram? How does this relate to what we read in *John 1:1*?
- o What does *John 1:14-18* tell us?
- o What is Jesus telling the Jewish leaders in *John 8:48-58*?
- o Who was talking to Abraham in *John 8:58*?
- o What would you say about Jesus' true identity when he was talking to the Jews in the temple?
- o Why would the Jewish leaders not recognize him?
- o Why is the story of Abraham in the Bible?
- o What do we learn from *Gen. 18:1-8* about Yahweh, God Himself, visiting Abraham?
- o What was Abraham's conversations with God about in *Gen. 18:22-25*?
- o Why was this in the Bible?
- o Read *Heb. 1:1-2*.  
Discuss the many examples Pastor gave us of God speaking His will through His prophets?
- o Why do you think all of these are in the Bible?

## APPLICATION

- o Do you take time every day to "listen" to God speaking to you personally or through other people? If not what do you need to do to do this?
- o How would you answer a critic who said that the Gospels are fabricated about Jesus?