

# Session 2: Who Is Jesus, and Why Should I Care?

## Jesus Christ

### INTRODUCTION

Through the story of the woman at the well, we discover that in the midst of our searching, God through Jesus Christ is searching for us.

### PREPARATION

Prepare yourself spiritually. Pray for yourself and for all the participants. Review these small-group leader's notes.

Read Chapter 2 in *Beginnings: Along the Way: A Participant's Guide*.

Prepare the area where the small group will meet.

### OPENING HOSPITALITY

Welcome all participants.

Ask people to introduce themselves further at your table to other persons in their small group.

### SERVE THE MEAL

**WELCOME** (5 minutes by director)

**SINGING** (5 minutes by music/worship leader)

**VIDEO/DVD PRESENTATION 2** (20 minutes)

**DISCUSSION** (45 minutes by small-group leader)

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Greet each member of your small group.

Pass around the contact form for the last time; it will be used only under special circumstances. At the end of the session, give it to the director.

Remind everyone about confidentiality. What is said within the small group should stay within the small group.

### Group Questions

When you were a child, how did you answer the question, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” How accurate was your prediction?

Who do you think Jesus is? What names or titles do you use for Jesus: teacher, healer, social activist, magician, messiah, religious fanatic, mystic, hopeless romantic, enlightenment philosopher, hoax, compassionate friend, martyr? Why?

Imagine you are sitting on a park bench and Jesus comes and sits beside you. What would you do?

- \_\_\_ Keep reading the paper and hope he does not notice you.
- \_\_\_ Try to strike up a conversation. What would your opening line be?
- \_\_\_ Run.
- \_\_\_ Ask for a favor. What would you ask for?
- \_\_\_ Ask his advice. What would you want to know?
- \_\_\_ What reaction would you expect from Jesus?

Take a moment and pair up with another person in your group. Ask each other: “What brings you to the well?”

### Personal Questions

Can you see yourself as the woman at the well, looking for water and being found by Jesus? How do you think the people in her town responded when she told them about her conversation with Jesus?

What are you seeking?

**CLOSING** (*5 minutes by small-group leader*)

Remind everyone about the schedule for next week, and make other necessary announcements.

## beginnings

Invite the participants to pause for a minute of silence to reflect on this session.

Pray together.

Adjourn on time.