



# Reel Encounters with Jesus

- Faith is not always about what I can \_\_\_\_\_ from God but what I can \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Romans 12:1 (NLT)

- Our faith in Jesus leads us to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. Luke 2:15-20 (NLT)

- We need to make \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2 (NLT)

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They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him... Matthew 2:11 (NLT)

## Why worship is important:

- Expresses my \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

The Master said: "These people make a big show of saying the right thing, but their hearts aren't in it. Because they act like they're worshipping me but don't mean it, Isaiah 29:13 (MSG)

- Focuses my \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24 (NLT)

- Articulates my \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29 (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! Matthew 28:16-17 (NLT)

## Action Step:

- Get \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
- Open your \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- Make some \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God.



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What is the best part of Christmas for you? Do you have any Christmas traditions in your family?
- What does the first point mean to you?
- Why is worship so important for us to participate in?
- Why does faith in Jesus cause us to worship Jesus?
- What are some ways you worship Jesus during Christmas? Do you try to worship Jesus during Christmas?
- How do you express your affection to God?
- What are some ways you focus on Jesus during Christmas?
- What does it mean to articulate your awe of God?

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