All the Way - All the Way for Whoever

Weekend Discussion Questions December 20-21, 2014

Community:

1. What's the most awkward memory you have of Christmas?

Core:

- 1. If you look back to what happened with Mary and Joseph when Jesus was born—what about that situation would have been awkward?
- 2. If you were in Joseph and Mary's place, what would you be thinking before the baby was born?
- 3. Look at what happens after Jesus is born in Luke 2:34-35. What do you think Mary was thinking when this prophecy was made about her baby?
- 4. How does Jesus being born teach us that God loves us?
- 5. What do you think are the things in life that make us doubt whether or not God loves us? Why?
- 6. Look at the verse we've been spending our time on all week: John 3:16. Why do you think that Jesus said that the only thing we needed to do to be saved is to "believe in Him"? Why didn't He add other requirements as well?
- 7. Why is it important that we realize that Jesus wants our lives to align with His life *after* we've put our trust in Him, and not necessarily *before* we've put our trust in Him?
- 8. Look at the family tree of Jesus in Matthew 1. What can the people included in the family tree teach us about how God can work through anyone He wants, regardless of their past or present choices?

Challenge:

- 1. What would change in your life if you honestly believed God can use anyone at anytime, regardless of their past or present choices? What would that change about the way you viewed yourself? What would that change about the people around you?
- 2. This week, what's one way for you to show others the impact God's love has made on your life?

