


# BEING WITH JESUS

## 1: WHO IS JESUS? JESUS IS FULLY GOD

 *BIG IDEA: The Father's desire is for humanity to be his children — united to God and each other. Christ makes this possible.*

➔ WELCOME/ICEBREAKER

➔ OPENING PRAYER

 ➔ SCRIPTURE READING

**John 1:1-18 (New Revised Standard Version)**

*(Circle key phrases or verses that stand out to you)*

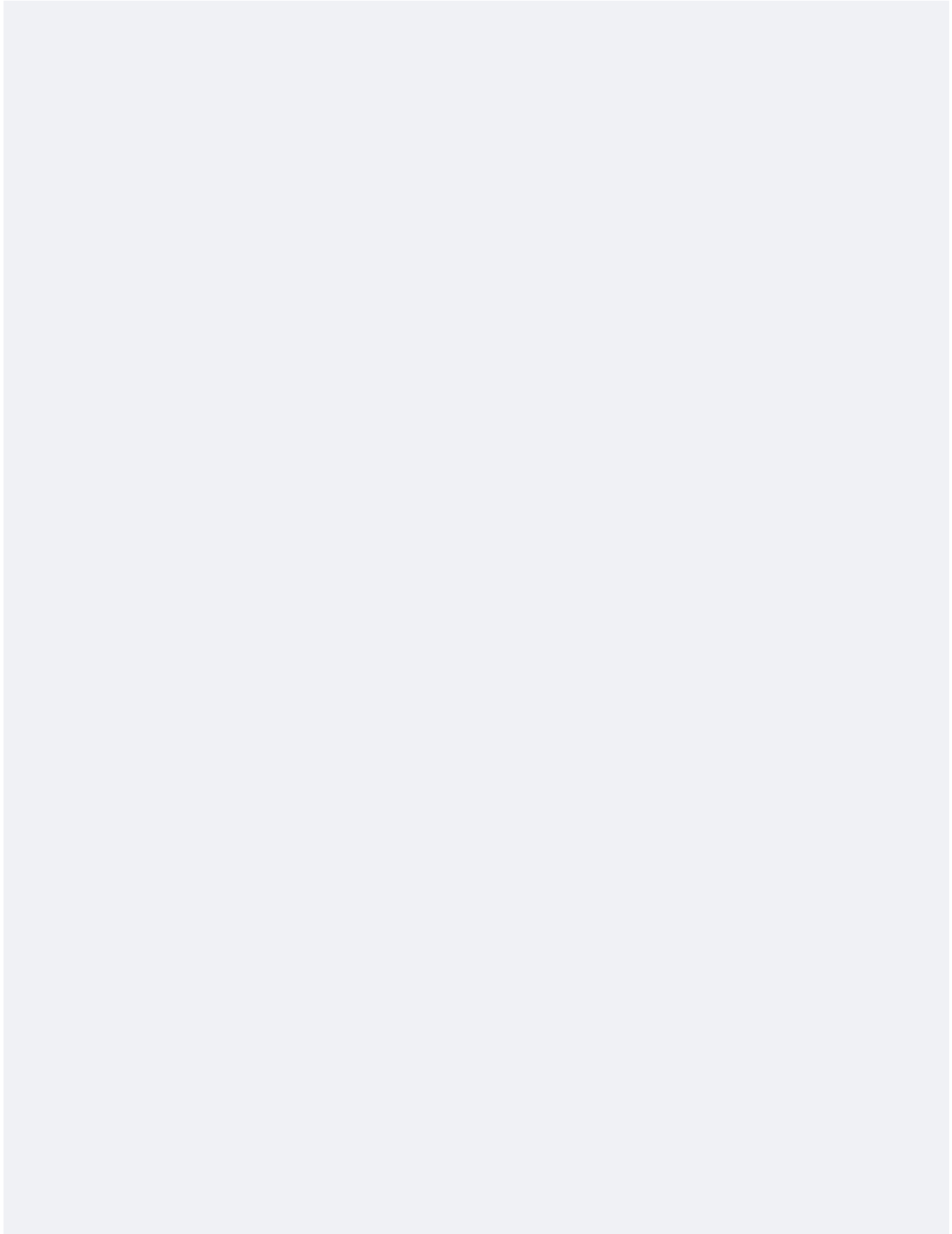
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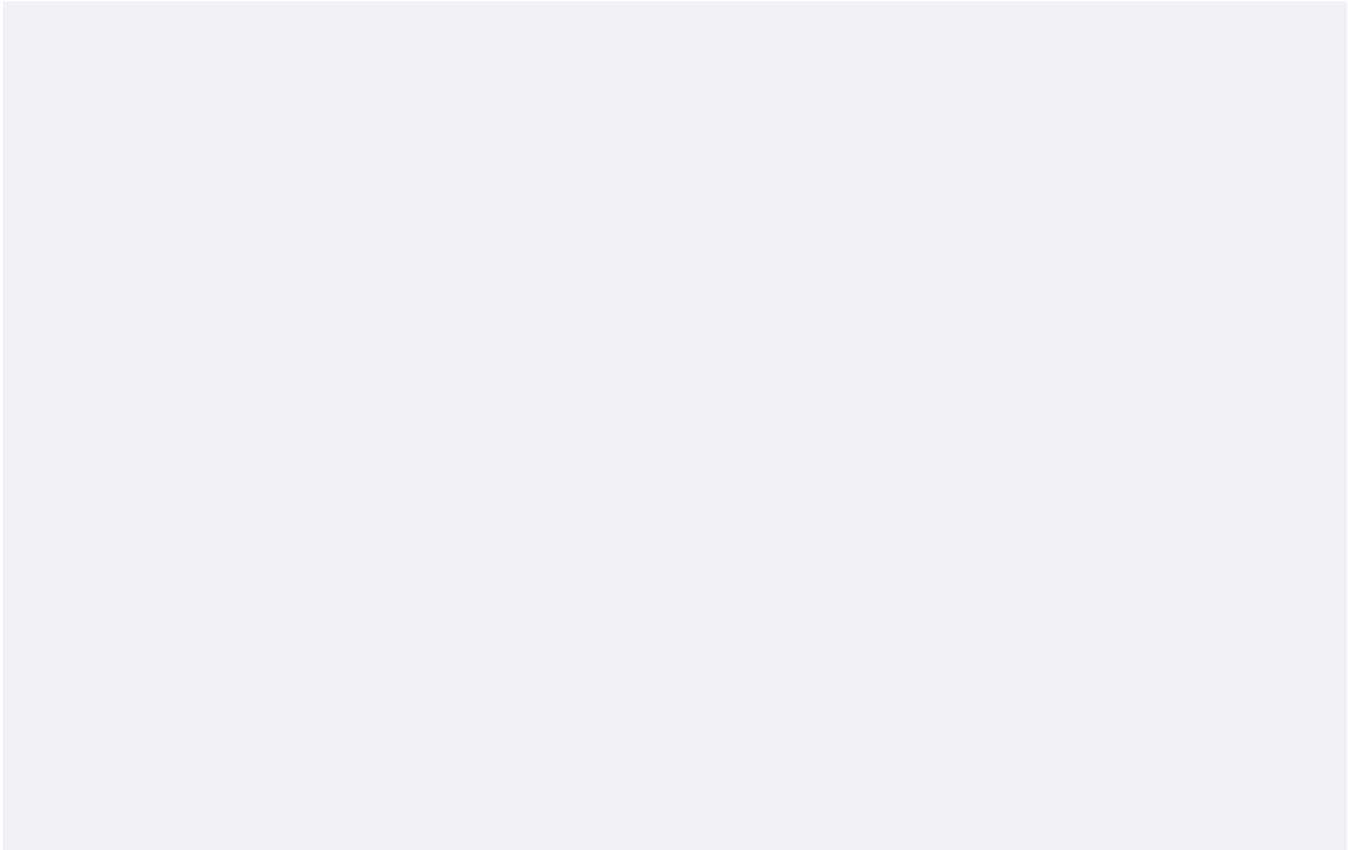
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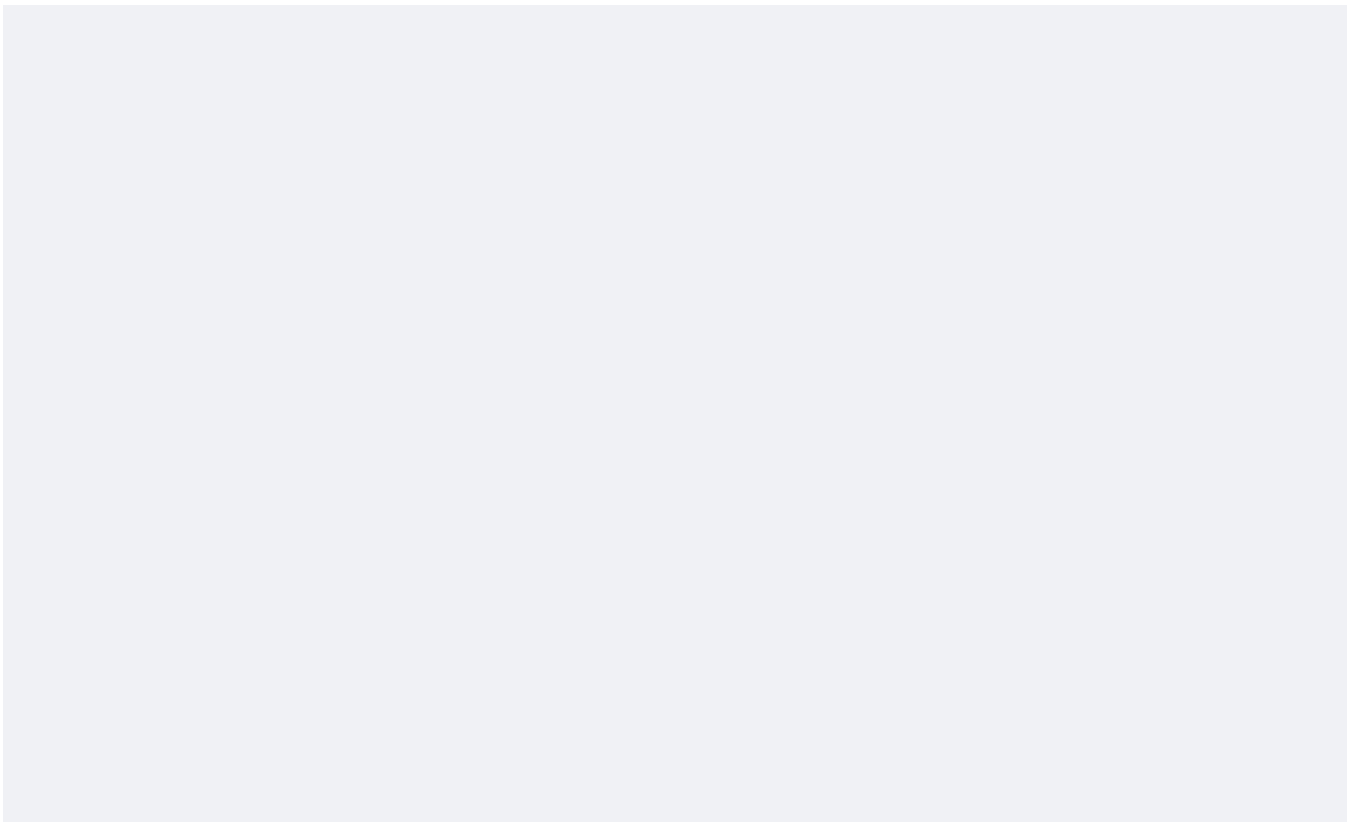
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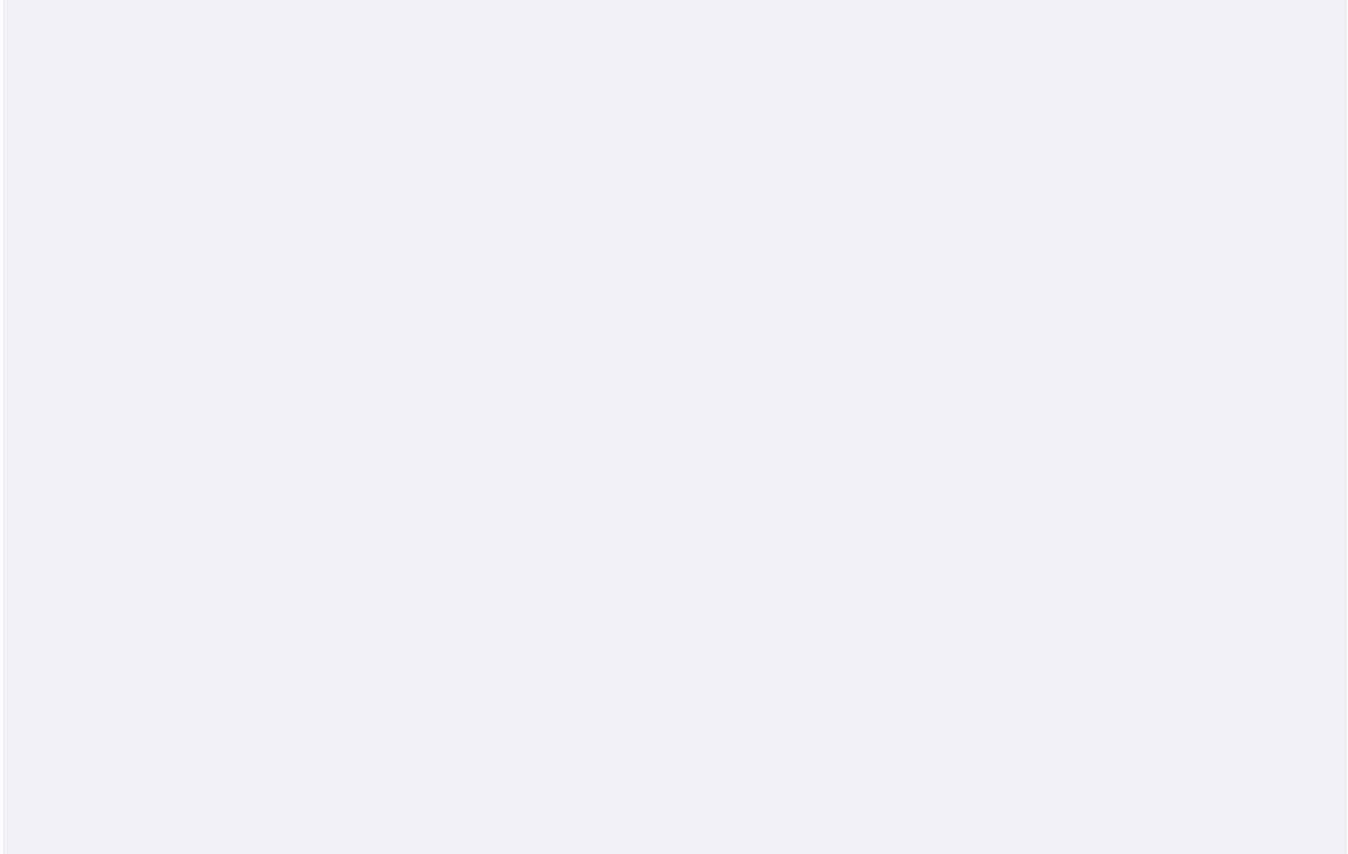
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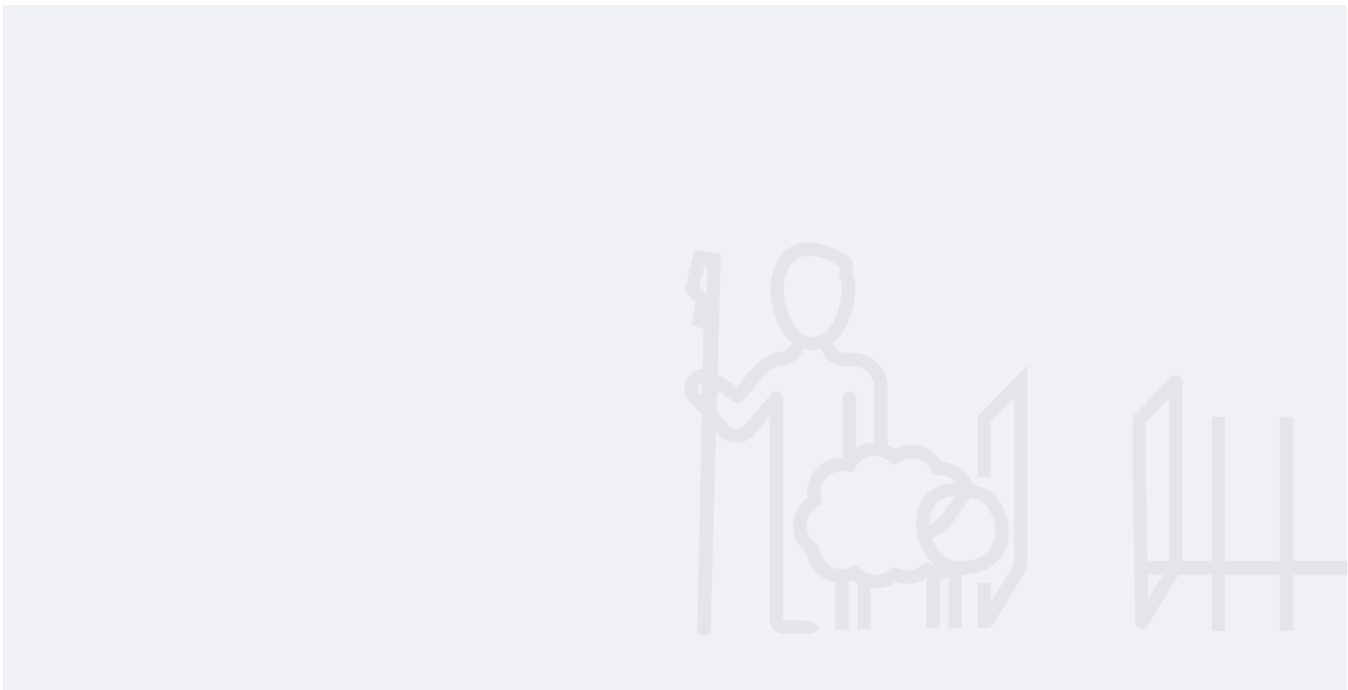


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**↻ DIVINE PARTICIPATION**

What does this passage help you see in regards to Jesus being the “The Good Shepherd” and “The Gate” (or “Door”)?



## ➡ CLOSING PRAYER

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

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## 2: WHO IS JESUS?



### JESUS IS THE SELF-REVELATION OF GOD

*BIG IDEA: To explore Jesus' mission to reveal the Father and bring eternal life.*

#### ➔ WELCOME/ICEBREAKER

#### ➔ OPENING PRAYER



#### ➔ SCRIPTURE READING

#### John 1:1-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

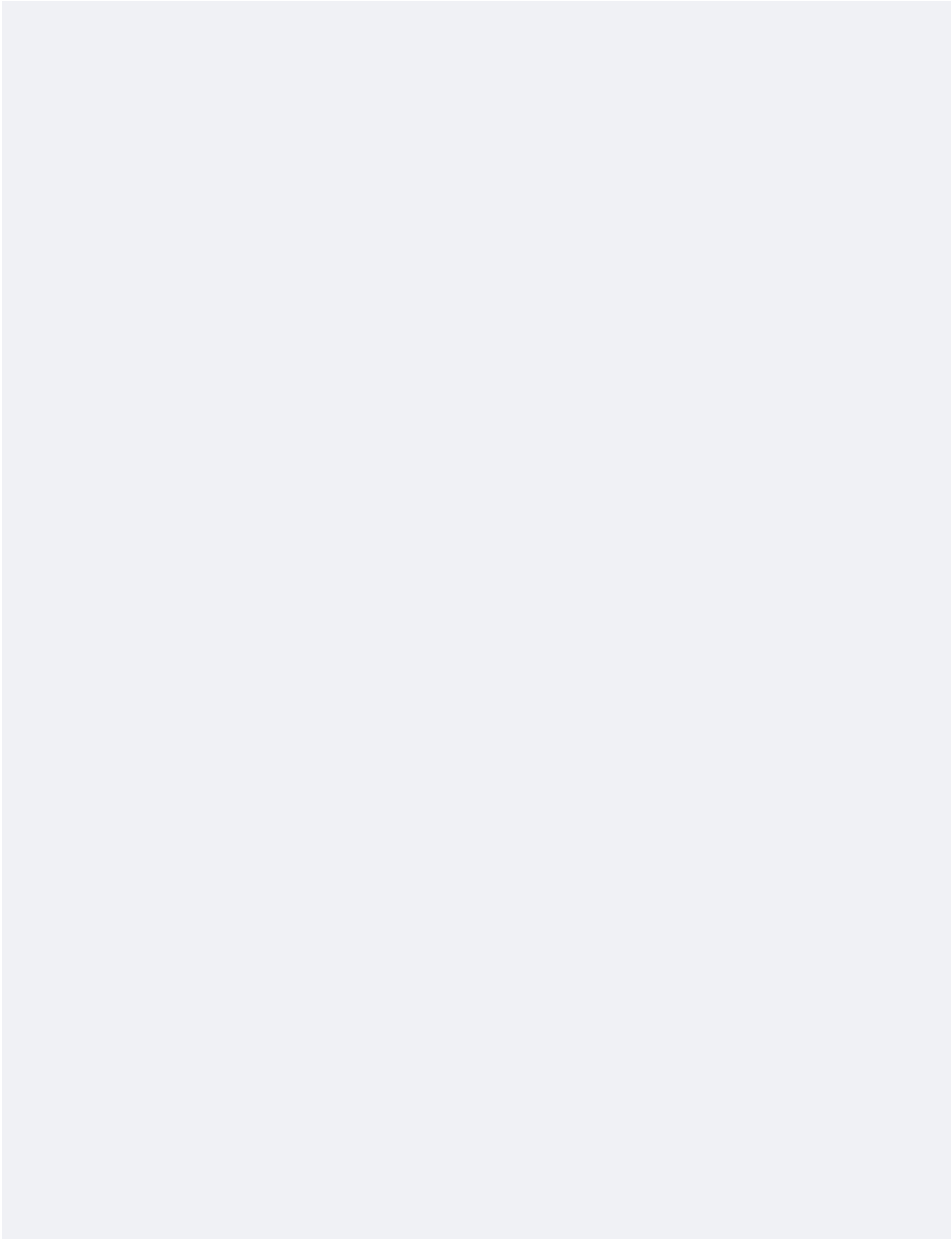
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➔ **DISCUSSION OF SCRIPTURE**



**➔ APPLICATION****➔ DIVINE PARTICIPATION**

What does this passage help you see in regards to Jesus being the “The Bread of Life“ in the Word of God spoken to us?

**➔ CLOSING PRAYER**



# BEING WITH JESUS

## 3: WHO IS JESUS? JESUS IS THE LIGHT



*BIG IDEA: To explore Jesus as the Light and his witnesses to that Light.*

➔ WELCOME/ICEBREAKER

➔ OPENING PRAYER



➔ SCRIPTURE READING

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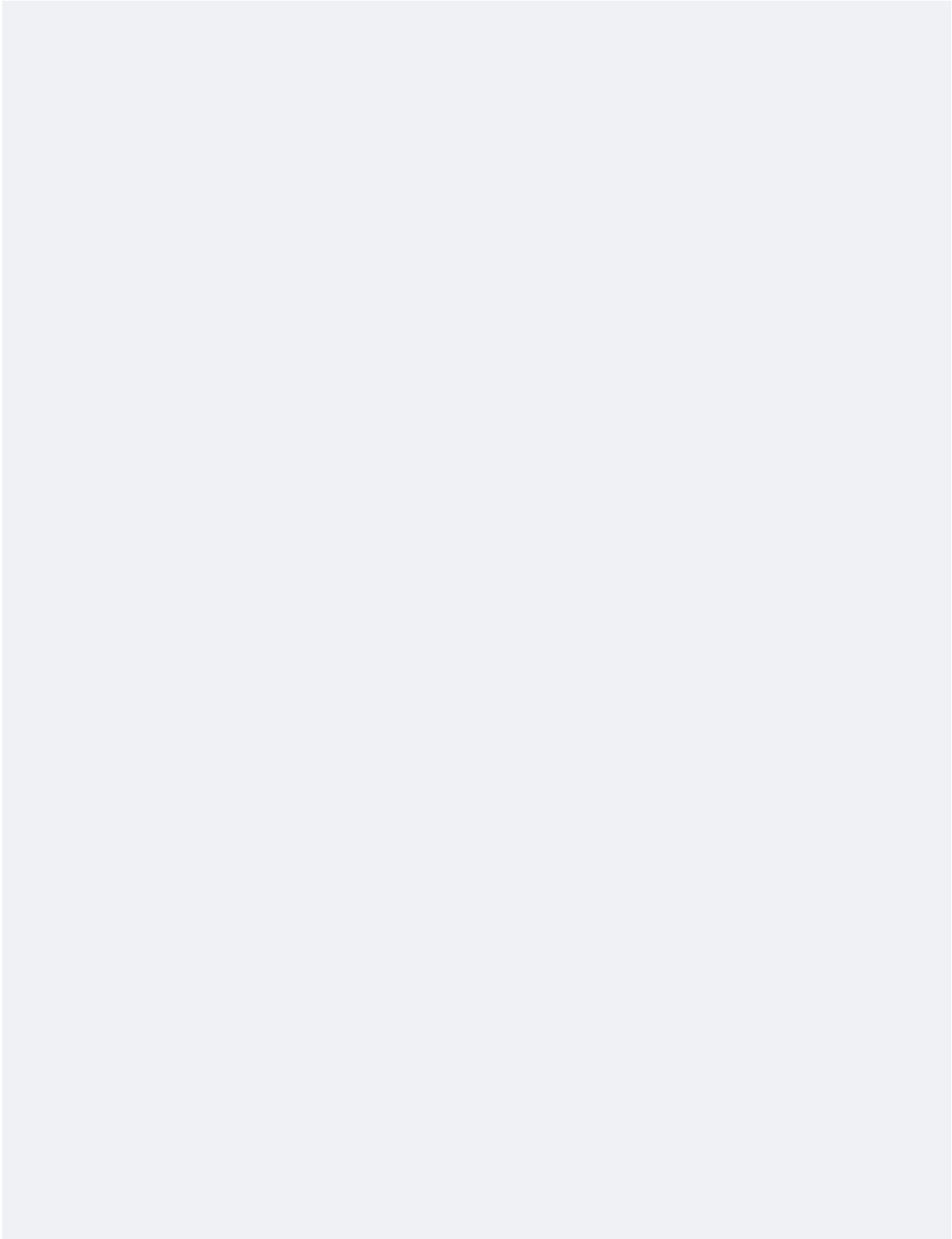
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➔ EXEGETICAL DISCUSSION



**➔ APPLICATION**

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**➔ DIVINE PARTICIPATION**

What does this passage help you see in regards to being followers of the Light?

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**➔ CLOSING PRAYER**

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## 4: WHO IS JESUS? JESUS IS FULLY MAN



*BIG IDEA: To explore Jesus' identity as the Incarnate Word.*

### ➔ WELCOME/ICEBREAKER

### ➔ SUGGESTED OPENING PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, make me worthy to understand the profound mystery of your holy incarnation, which you have worked for our sake and for our salvation. Truly there is nothing so great and wonderful as this, that you, my God, who are the creator of all things, should become a creature, so that we should become like God. You have humbled yourself and made yourself small that we might be made mighty. You have taken the form of a servant, so that you might confer upon us a royal and divine beauty.

You, who are beyond our understanding, have made yourself understandable to us in Jesus Christ. You, who are the uncreated God, have made yourself a creature for us. You, who are the untouchable One, have made yourself touchable to us. You, who are most high, make us capable of understanding your amazing love and the wonderful things you have done for us. Make us able to understand the mystery of your incarnation, the mystery of your life, example, and doctrine, the mystery of your cross and passion, the mystery of your resurrection and ascension. Blessed are you, O Lord, for coming to earth as a man. Amen.

Angela of Foligno, from her Complete Works



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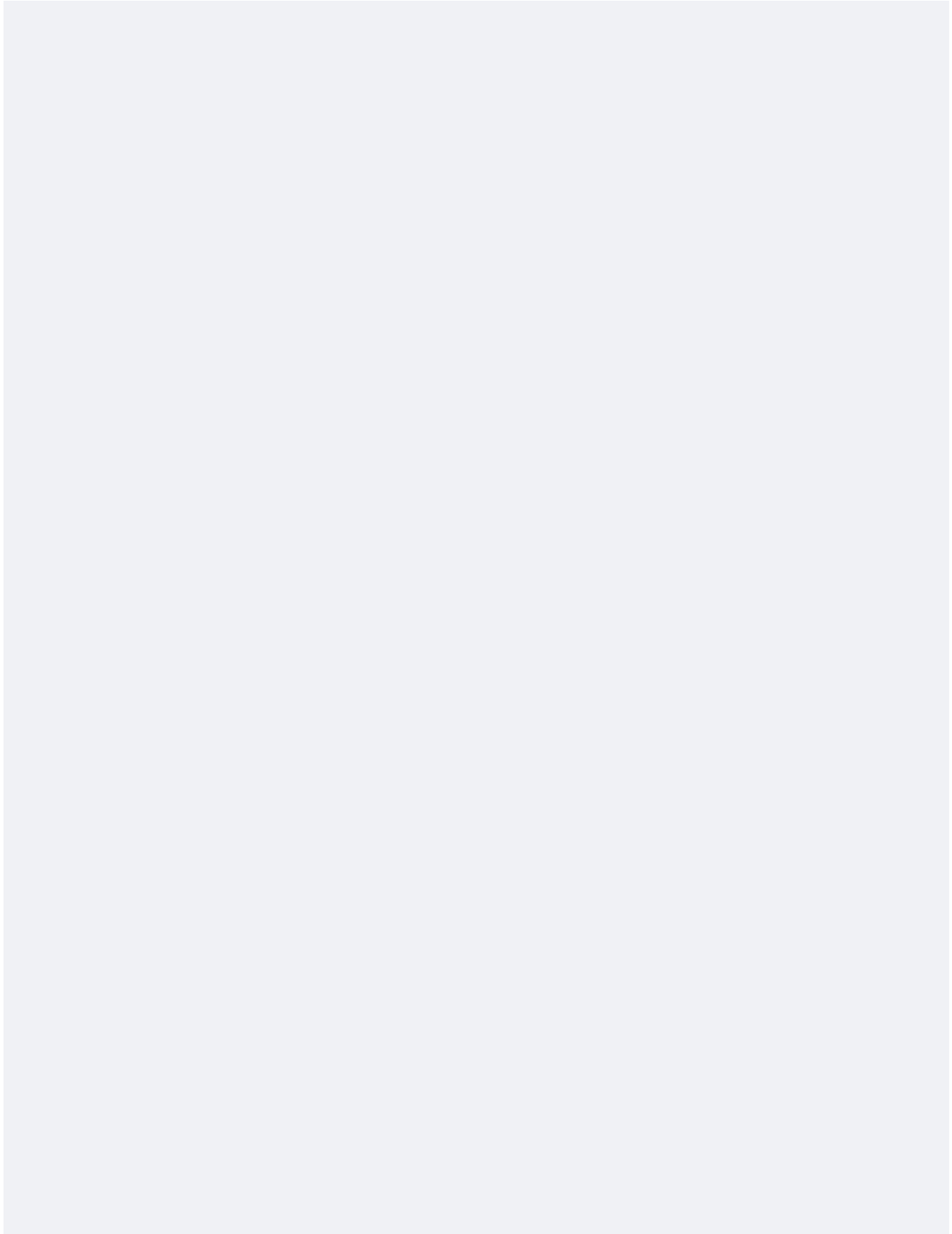
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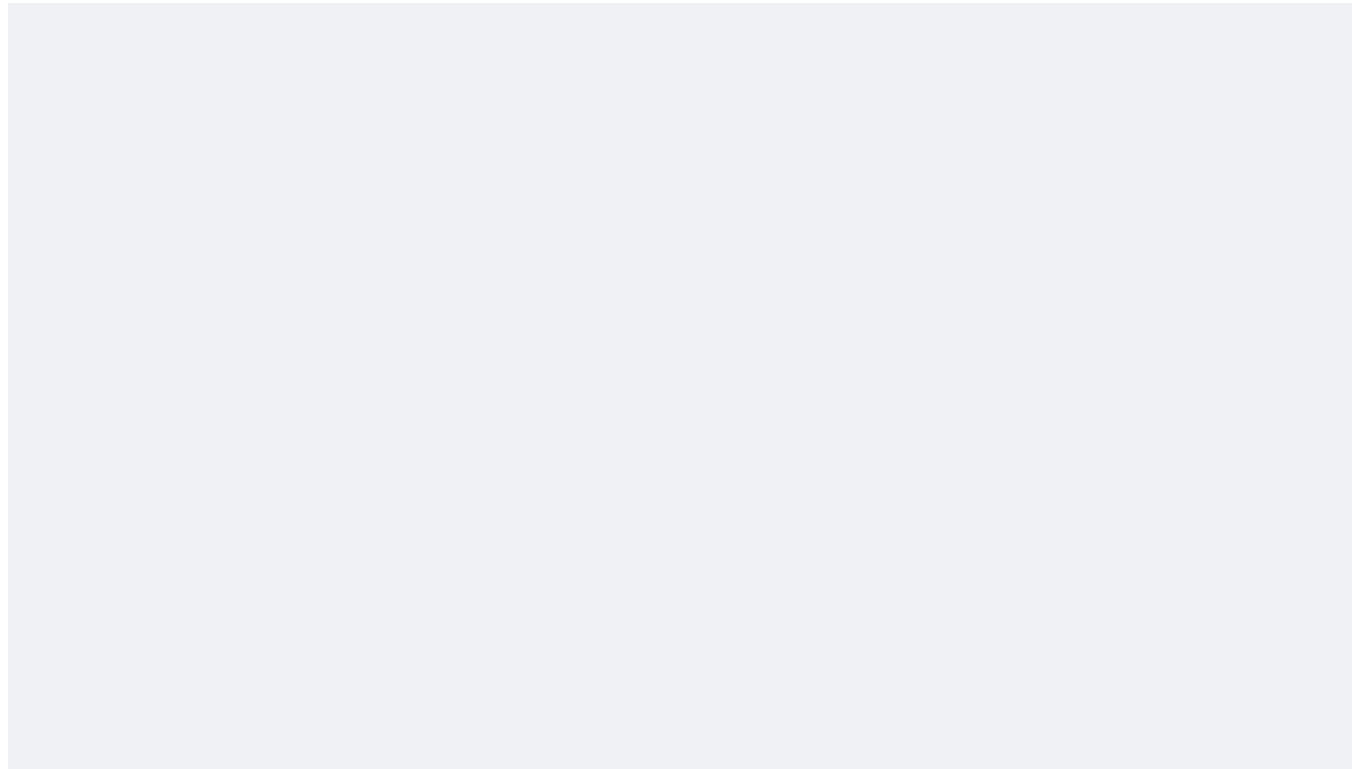
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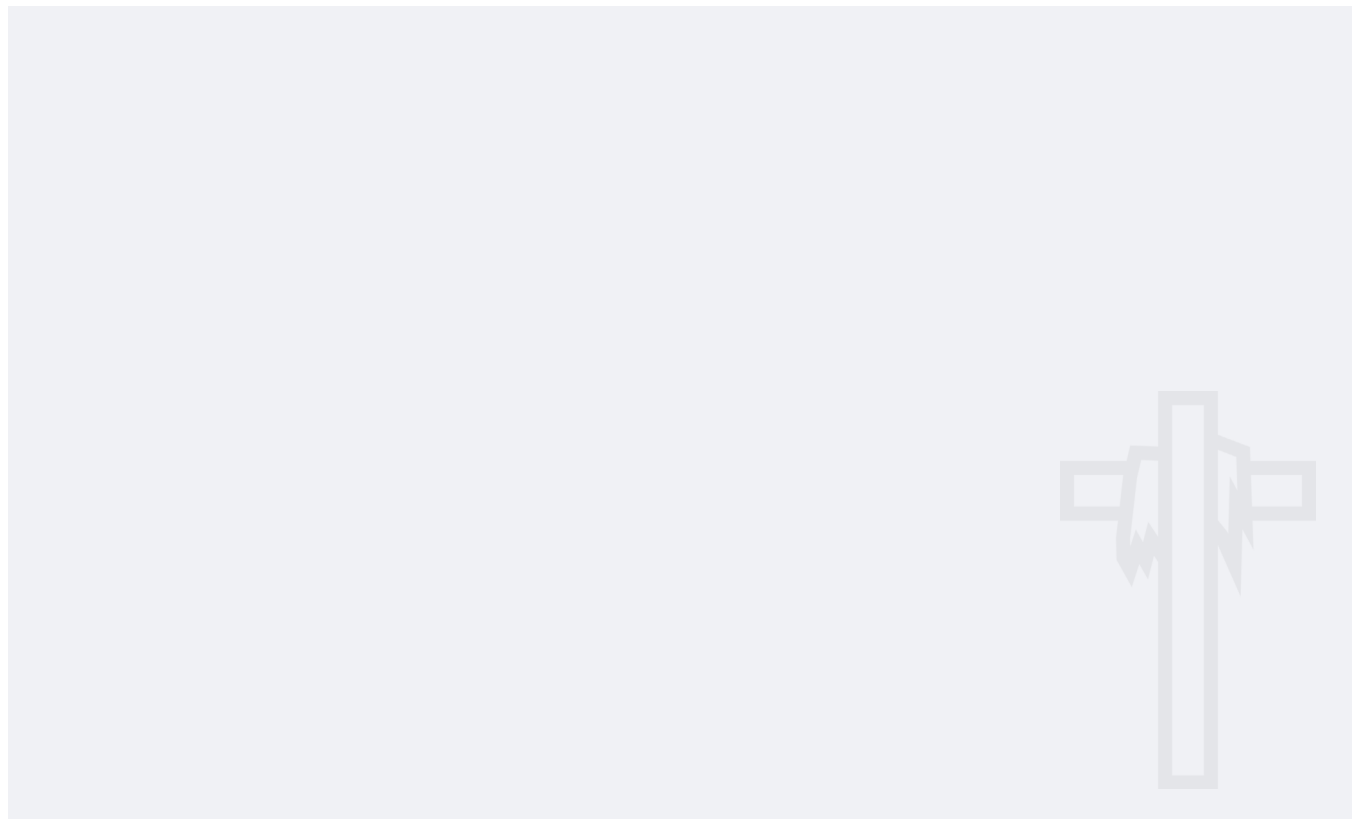
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➔ **DISCUSSION OF SCRIPTURE**



**➔ APPLICATION****➔ DIVINE PARTICIPATION**

What does this passage help you see in regards to Jesus being the Resurrection and the Life?



## ➔ CLOSING PRAYER

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,  
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

*from the prayers of  
The Northumbria Community, Scotland*



# BEING THE CHURCH

## 5: WHO ARE WE IN JESUS? CHILDREN OF GOD

 *BIG IDEA: To explore our response to the Word by reception or rejection.*

➔ WELCOME/ICEBREAKER

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 ➔ SCRIPTURE READING

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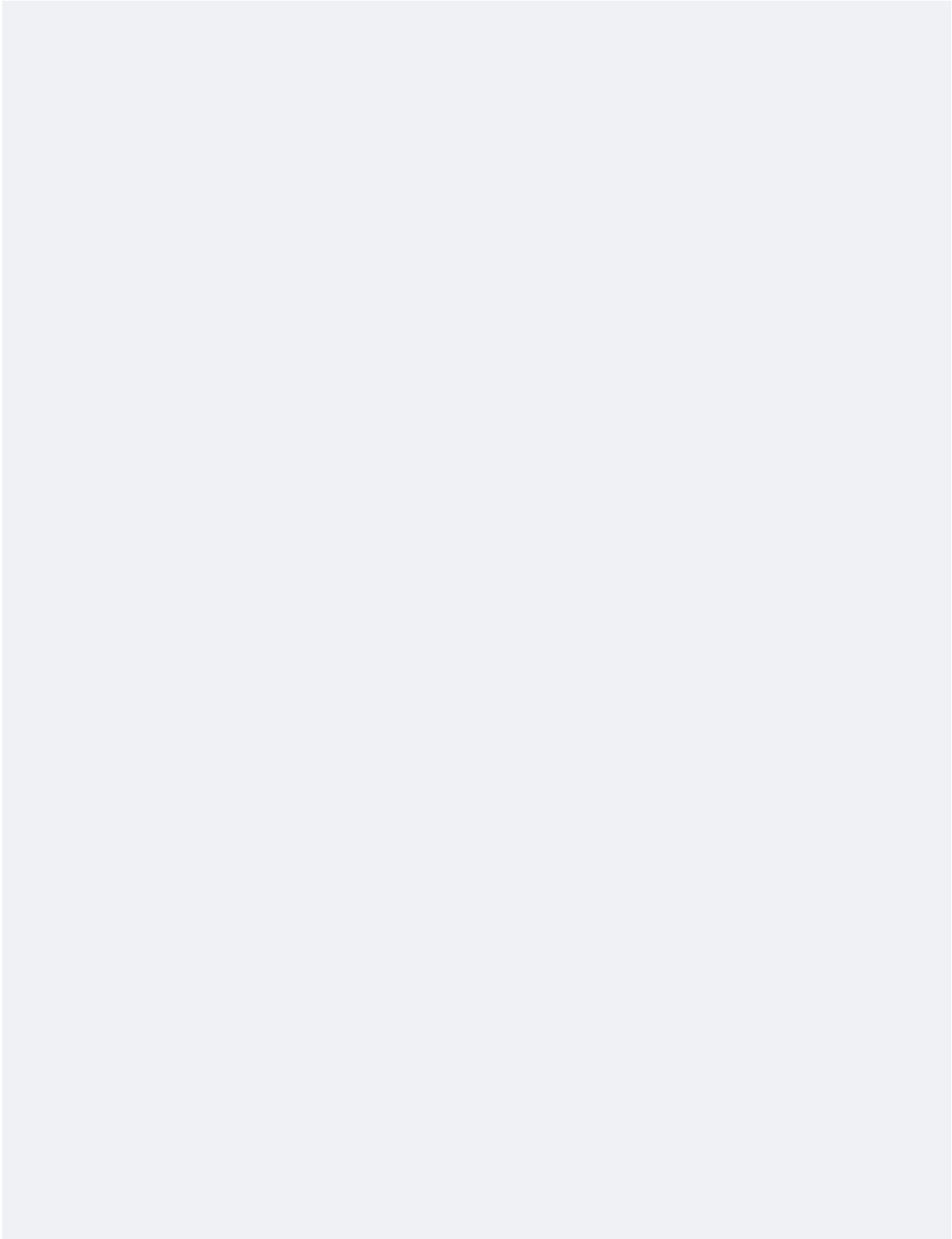
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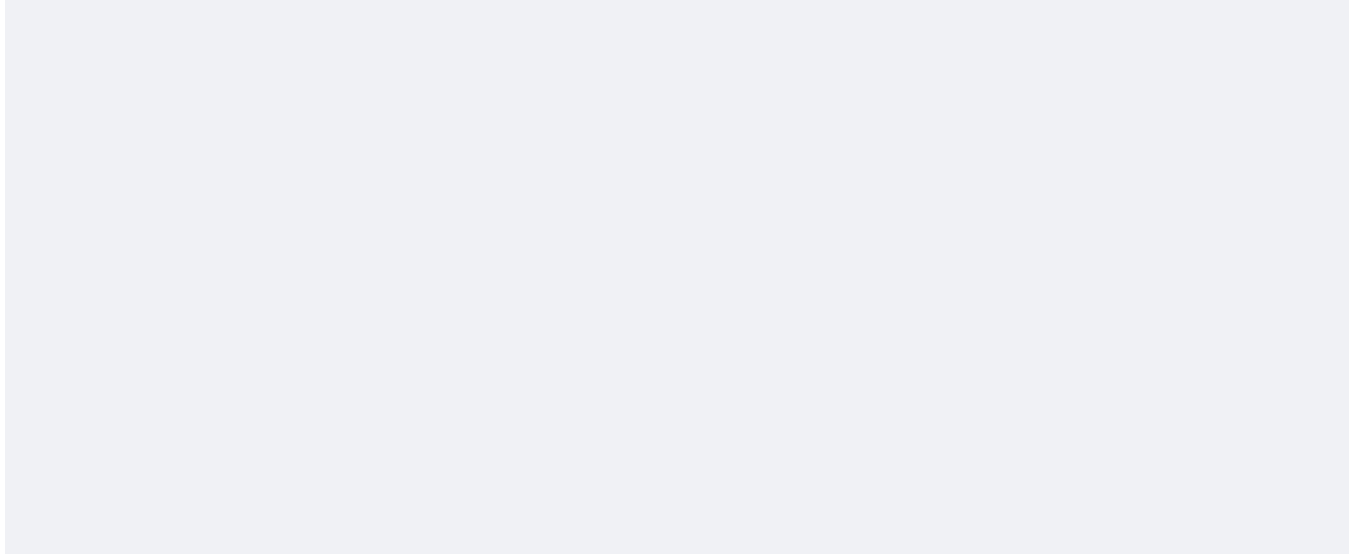
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**↻ DISCUSSION OF SCRIPTURE**



**➡ APPLICATION****➡ DIVINE PARTICIPATION**

Does Jesus leave room for any other “way” or “truth” or “life” that demands our response?

**➡ CLOSING PRAYER**

# BEING WITH JESUS

## 6: HOW DO WE GROW IN JESUS?

### PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST



*BIG IDEA: To explore our call to remain in Christ.*

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#### ➔ OPENING PRAYER

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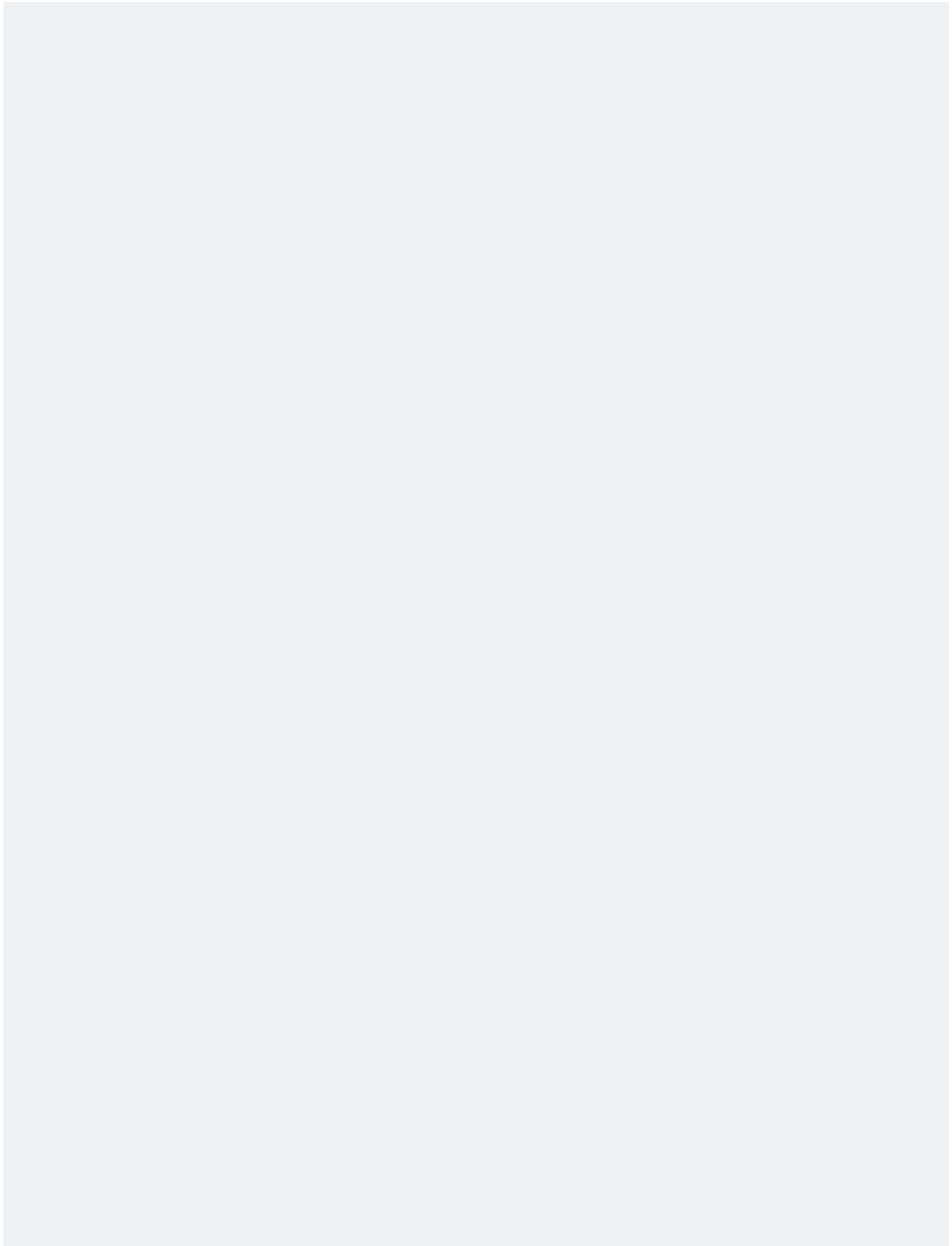
#### John 15:1-17 (New International Version)

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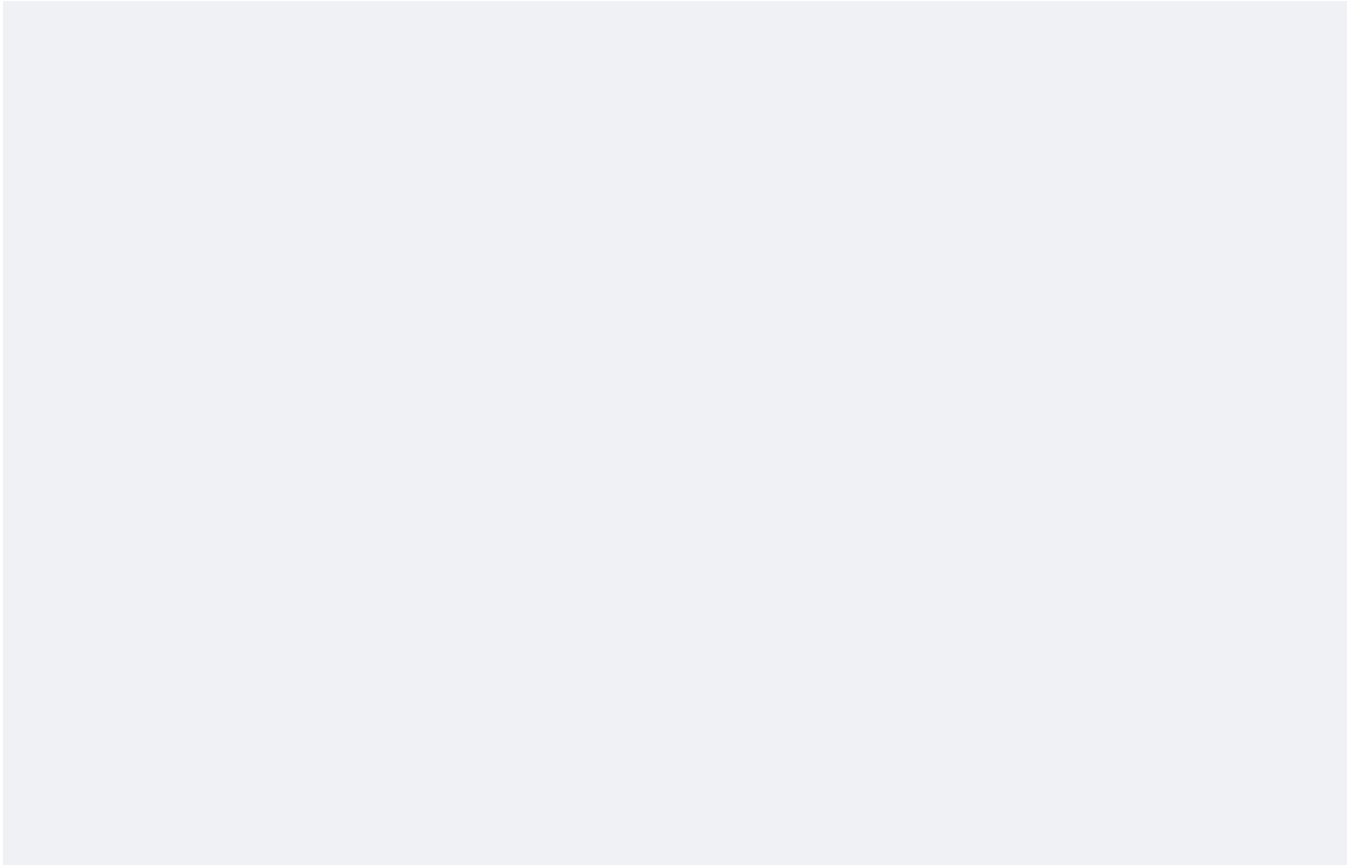
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<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

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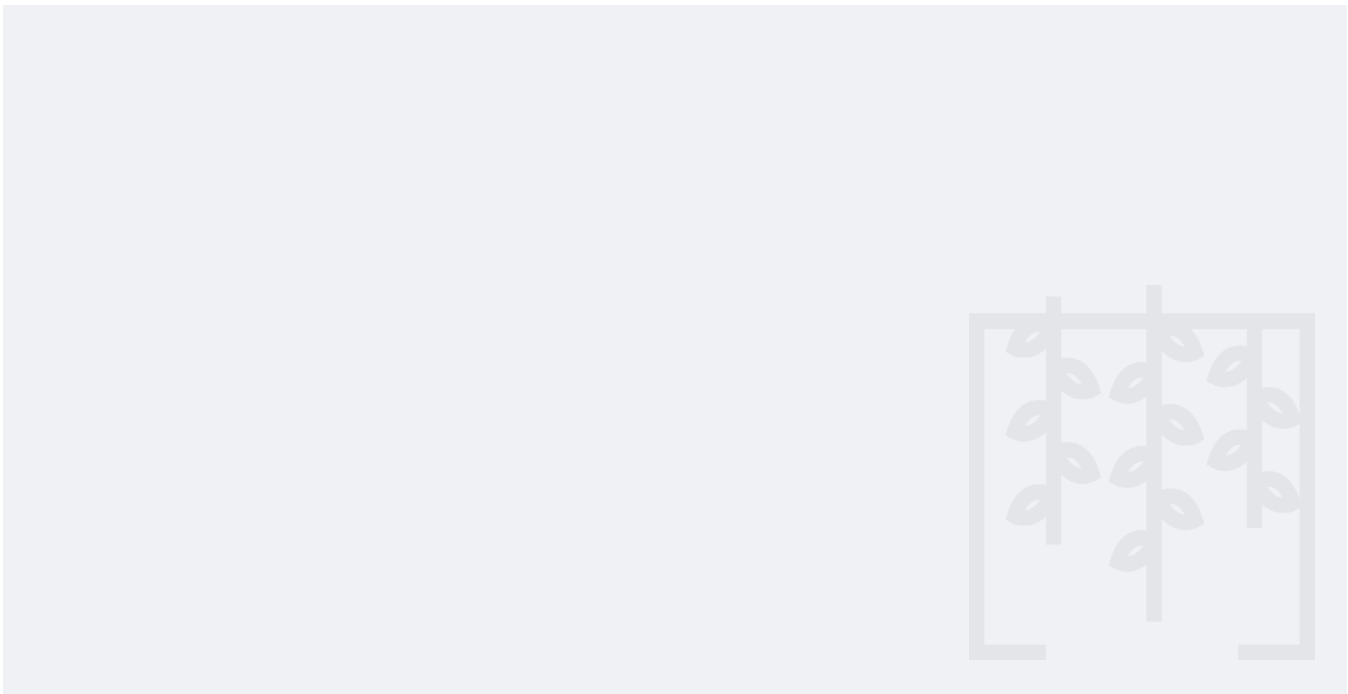


**➔ APPLICATION**



**➔ DIVINE PARTICIPATION**

For our final “I am” statement, consider at least one way this week you plan to “abide” in Christ, “The True Vine.”



**➡ CLOSING PRAYER**

They tell me, Lord, that when I seem  
To be in speech with you,  
Since but one voice is heard, it's all a dream,  
One talker aping two.

Sometimes it is, yet not as they  
Conceive it. Rather, I  
Seek in myself the things I hoped to say  
But lo!, my springs are dry.

Then, seeing me empty, you forsake  
The listener's role and through  
My dumb lips breathe and into utterance wake  
The thoughts I never knew.

And thus you neither need reply  
Nor can; thus, while we seem  
Two talkers, thou art  
One forever, and I  
No dreamer, but thy dream.

Poem on Prayer  
C.S. Lewis