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#### What is the Incarnation?

- 1. Jesus existed before there was ever a baby named Jesus.
- 2. Jesus is God.
- 3. Jesus became a human being.
- 4. He came in the lowest way possible, as a servant.

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# How Can I Be More Like Jesus?

#### Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

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- 1. Be committed to mining out the treasure that Jesus placed inside you when He redeemed you.
- 2. Know that God is always working in you; both in your desires and what you do.
- 3. Do ALL THINGS without murmuring and complaining.

# Continuing the Discussion

- Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- What is God's part in our ongoing transformation to become like Jesus?
  What is our part?