**God speaks – Special revelation for you! Leader Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. What is something you think nobody in the group knows about you?** (Make the point that revelation is unveiling the unknown about ourselves. God also reveals Himself; without revelation we would be in the dark about the nature of God.)

**2. Who do you think tends to better at understanding his/her partner: you or your spouse?**

**3. Can you think of a time when God spoke to you through creation? Where were you and what did you hear God say?**

**4. BOOK/LOOK**

**We learn about God through creation. Read Psalm 19:1-4 and Romans 1:19-20**

General revelation is the revelation of God to all people, at all times, and in all places that proves that God exists and that He is intelligent, powerful, and transcendent.

**What are the limitations to general revelation? Could someone be saved without any specific revelation about Jesus Christ?**

**5. We learn about God through prophetic utterance. Read Hebrews 1:1-3**

**Contrast the Old Testament prophets with Jesus.**

**Prophets Jesus**

Fragments of truth Embodied the whole truth

Present era Age to come

Promise Fulfillment

Diverse ways Definitive way

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Good Better, superior

**6. What is your favorite Old Testament book to read? Why?**

**7. We learn about God through Jesus.**

List the seven aspects of Jesus’ divine nature that are revealed in this passage:

1. Heir of all things – read Romans 8:17. “We are co-heirs with Christ if…”
2. Creator of the universe – read Gen. 1:1-2; Col. 1:16 (proof of the Trinity)
3. Radiance of God’s glory – what does God glory in? (suffering love)
4. Exact representation of God – anything which is true of Jesus is true of God.
5. Sustainer of all things
6. Redeemer – Jesus is the quintessential high priest – sinless, sacrificial, sympathetic
7. Exalted Lord – Jesus sits because His sacrificial work is finished. His priestly work carries on.

**TOOK**

**8. Can we really understand who God is without a relationship with Jesus? (Acts 4:12; John 14:6)**

**9. What is the difference between a historical Christian and a contemporary Christian?**

**10. What application does the author of the Book of Hebrews suggest?**

Heb. 1:6 – worship Jesus; even angels do

Heb. 3:1 – Dwell on Jesus. “fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess.”

Heb. 4:16 – Pray - “Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Spend time praying for the people in your home group, inviting Jesus into everything you’re facing at this Christmas season.