

# GOD WITH US

## Session One: The Big Picture

Our aim in this session is to think about how we approach the Bible as a whole: that we see it as a cosmic drama about the God who keeps coming down to be with his people.



1. As we open our Bibles we begin a journey. We step on to a roadway.
  - Where does this roadway begin? (see Gen. 1:1)
  - Where does it end? (see Rev. 21:1)
2. What does it mean to read the Bible: “With both hands”? “With bifocals”?



3. Throughout the pages of the Bible we see that God keeps coming down:
  - In Genesis, God comes down into \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In Exodus, into \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In Kings, Chronicles, into \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In the Gospels, God comes in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In Acts, God comes in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In Revelation, he comes \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What was the first activity of the resurrected Jesus? (see Lk. 24:27)
5. “From beginning to end in this book there is only ever one God,” who reveals himself to us in the Scriptures and calls us. To what is God calling us?



6. How do you see yourself in relation to God’s unfolding plan: As only an observer on the roadside, or as part of God’s plan?
7. If you see yourself as part of God’s plan, how should this affect your thoughts and actions in the present? How does it affect your view of the future?

Home study: Read Genesis 1-3 and Revelation 21-22.