



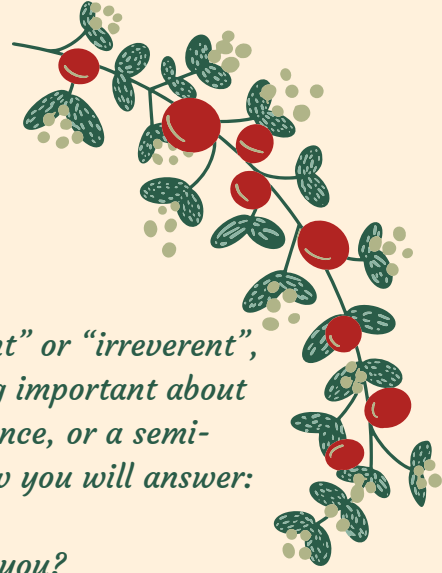
# Socks & Soup Christmas Eve Celebration

*Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.*

*Hebrews 2:14-17*

*No. We will not be putting the socks in the soup. However, each person is invited to bring a pair of Christmas socks that they will be gifting to someone else. Each household is invited to bring a favorite Christmas soup to share as well. This Christmas Eve gathering will be a little different than our traditional candlelight Christmas service. Each person’s participation is expected. In fact, that’s how you’ll receive your Christmas socks.*

*Let me explain. The Bible paints a picture of God becoming “like us, fully human in everyway” (Hebrews 2: 17). The fancy theological word for this is “incarnation”. Now, what in the world does it mean for God to become like us? Well, that’s where you come in. We can only fully understand the incarnation by understanding what it means to be like you. You are one of the colors in the painting. We are going to need the help of every single person to get a well- rounded answer to our question, “What does it mean to be made like us?” Only after you help us answer that question will you receive your gift of Christmas socks. Yes, we want the youngest children to the oldest adults to all participate.*



Please prepare to answer the following question:

*"To be like me means \_\_\_\_\_."*

*Do not worry so much about whether or not your answer feels "reverent" or "irreverent", "theologically correct or incorrect". We want to understand something important about what it means to be like you! Feel free to answer with a short sentence, or a semi-lengthy story. Here are some suggestions to help spark ideas about how you will answer:*

- 🍷 What was your birth weight? What kind of a baby were you?*
- 🍷 What is a limitation that you deal with every day?*
- 🍷 Who was your first crush, what did you do about it?*
- 🍷 What's something that makes you bored?*
- 🍷 What's something quirky or weird that you did as a kid?*
- 🍷 What's one of the best parts about being you?*
- 🍷 What's one of the worst parts about being you?*
- 🍷 What's something that hurts your feelings most frequently?*
- 🍷 What do you worry about the most?*
- 🍷 What's been one of the hardest things for you to learn?*
- 🍷 What's something that came to you naturally and you are good at it?*
- 🍷 What's one of your gross or annoying habits?*
- 🍷 What's one of the most challenging parts of your experience with God?*
- 🍷 What makes you giddy with excitement?*
- 🍷 What do you wish someone had taught you early in life that you had to learn later?*

*These are simply suggestions to spark your own ideas, and you certainly shouldn't try to answer all of these. Once you've answered the question,*

*"To be like me means \_\_\_\_\_." someone else will get the opportunity to give you the pair of Christmas socks they brought. Then they get to be the next person to share their answer to the question, "To be like me means \_\_\_\_\_." At the end of the evening, we hope to have a beautiful and well-rounded picture of the incarnation, God being made like us, fully human in every way. Our Christmas Eve celebration will include passing the light of Christ and singing carols, and then we will share a potluck style Christmas Eve meal of soup and fellowship! Please plan on joining us!*

*Don't forget to bring Christmas socks, your answer to the question, and a favorite Christmas soup to share.*

