

## **An Unexpected Guest**

No one was looking for God to appear in person, yet Jesus came to make the invisible God unmistakably known.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What's one time you were surprised—in a good way—by someone showing up for you?
- 2. Talk about what it's like in general when someone shows up for you. For instance, does it calm you, give you confidence, make you feel seen?
- 3. When confusion or stress hits, how do you typically imagine God responding—concerned, sympathetic, uninterested, uninvolved? Something else? What do you think shapes your assumption?
- 4. Read John 14:7-10 aloud.
  - If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."
  - Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.
  - What do you think Jesus wants his disciples to understand about God here?
- 5. If Jesus is the clearest picture of what God is like, what character trait about him helps you most when life feels confusing or heavy? Some examples: patience, compassion, courage, truthfulness.
- 6. What area of your life feels distant from God right now, and how might seeing God through the person of Jesus change how you engage it?