



Sharing Life is a lot like "Choose Your Own Adventure"—except you are committing to be available for the adventure of faith your friend is on. God is at work in the seen and unseen moments. Continue to pray for the person you invited to the service by asking God to be working in him or her and for more opportunities to be available, intentional, and interruptible in your interactions.

If your friend joined you for one of our December events...

Find a time to meet and chat about it and the holidays. Be available for what your friend might need in this moment.

- If they have been struggling personally, a listening ear might be the best approach. Take the opportunity to hear more of about their story, and ask if you could pray for them.
- If they have been in need of a spiritual community, invite them to join some members of your LifeGroup for a casual event, like game or movie night, as a way to hang out with other believers.
- If they have questions about God, faith, or life going forward, offer to walk with them through it. You don't have to have all the answers, but you can offer to help. You can also check out a great resource about Jesus on the backside of this card.

If your friend *wasn't able to make it to the event...*

The adventure isn't over. Check in with them about how their holidays went and look for another chance to connect with them. Continue to be available, intentional, and interruptible for whatever God has next.

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Christmas provides a great opportunity to engage with people about Jesus. While popular Christmas depictions represent him in a manger, we know that the story doesn't end there. Jesus lived, died, and was resurrected, defeating death and sin. Believing in Jesus requires faith, but not blind faith. Here are a few statistical facts about Jesus' life that may encourage you as you demonstrate the good news of Jesus to those around you. If appropriate, feel free to share this with the friend with whom you decided to share the life of Jesus.

Here are eight of the most well know prophecies about the Messiah that Jesus fulfilled:

- Jesus was born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14, Luke 1:34-35)
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, Matt. 2)
- Jesus' genealogy through Abraham and David (2 Sam. 7:12-13, Matt. 1:1)
- Jesus referenced as Immanuel "God with us" (Isa. 9:6, Matt. 1:23)
- Jesus' exile to and return from Egypt (Hosea 11:1, Matt. 2:14-15)
- Jesus was born amid sorrow (Jer. 31:15, Matt. 2:16)
- Jesus was born through the line of Judah (Gen. 49:10, Luke 3:23-33)
- Jesus' birth happening after Jerusalem's rebuilding and before its destruction (Dan. 9:24-27, Matt. 2)

Chances of one person fulfilling these 8 prophecies by sheer chance is 1 in 10^{17} (100,000,000,000,000,000). That would be equivalent to covering the whole state of Texas with silver dollars **two feet deep** and then expecting a blindfolded man to walk across the state and on the very first try, find the **one** coin you marked.

The eight prophecies about the Messiah above were written by men from different times and places between about five-hundred and one thousand years before Jesus was born. Thus there was no opportunity for collusion among them. Notice too, the specificity.

There are 300 Old Testament prophecies regarding the Messiah that are fulfilled by Jesus Christ. The odds against one person fulfilling that many prophecies would be beyond all mathematical possibility. One mathematician's estimate of those odds is greater than 10^{157} .