

LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Based on: Luke 2:8-20

December 22, 2019

Overview:

This time of year everything seems to be magnified. If you are experiencing sadness then during this season you can feel really sad. If you are experiencing joy then you might be extremely joyful. Whatever you are going through the Christmas season tends to amplify your feelings.

Read over the Christmas story in Luke 2:8-20. Don't just read it as in years past, but imagine yourself in this first Christmas scene. There are animals around. There is the smell of hay. Take in all the sights and smells of this first Christmas.

What were Mary and Joseph feeling? They were new parents of Jesus. They didn't have the corner birthing suite at a hospital with a Jacuzzi. They were in a barn with animals. There isn't even a record of someone helping them out with the birth. They were on their own. How do you think this setting and experience amplified their feelings?

The scene is interrupted by shepherds. They had just received an angelic message about the baby Savior. Here they were watching their sheep just like any other night. They were probably taking shifts, watching out for predators. Suddenly an angel appears. It says they were terrified. They went from terrified to curious. They wanted to go see this baby. Individually these shepherds were experiencing many things in life. After the initial shock of the angel and seeing Jesus; how do you think this experience changed their lives? How did it impact their feelings about what they were going through in life?

Bible Study: Luke 2:8-20

1. Spend some time slowly reading through the passage, what are some new details that stand out to you?
2. How does the Christmas season amplify your feelings?
3. How can you choose joy during this season?
4. In what ways can you share joy this season?
5. Loneliness can steal joy. In what ways can you help someone who is experiencing loneliness this season?