

Christmas FOR US Misfits

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"Christmas Happened... Now What?"

Discussion Guide | December 29, 2019

Luke 2:8-20

Questions for Study and Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Luke 2:8-20 as a group.

1. Before diving into these questions, take some time as a group to share something that was meaningful to you this Christmas season.
2. Why do you think God chose to first announce the birth of Jesus to common, ordinary people—shepherds—instead of those with higher social status?
3. How does God most often choose to spread His Word and message today? Most often, do you think you are truly listening? (The point was: The Word of God often comes to people in very ordinary ways.)
4. Mary treasured and pondered the message in her heart. What are some ways we can improve on "treasuring" and "pondering" the Word of God in our hearts and lives?
5. The message of the angels was a message of peace. A Christian is someone who understands (and has surrendered to) the grace of God and, therefore, has the peace of God. What does it really mean to be saved "by the grace of God and not by what we do" (Eph. 2:8-9)?
6. How can we as Christians show the world that we are "peacemakers"?
7. Why does the glory of God terrify everyone in the Scriptures?
8. What is the root cause of so many of the fears, worries, anxieties in our life?
9. Meditate on the truths of how Christmas can truly allow your heart and soul to "fear not."
10. **Challenge: Memorize Luke 2:10-11:** "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."