

Series Sermon-based Growth Group
John "Moving Christmas"
Luke 2:1-7
Questions
December 5, 2021

Introductory Discussion:

What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Think about times you had to move. What was lost? What was gained?
 - a. Can you look back and see how those moves were a step in your Christian journey?
2. How did God use Caesar to further His goals (verse 1)?
 - a. How does Jesus coming as a baby tell us about how God works out His plans?
3. What does it symbolize about our relationship with God that the temple was a tent and he was a cloud and a pillar of fire that guided the Israelites?
4. Where is the true temple?
 - a. How does that help God move?
5. Mary and Joseph knew that they were headed to Bethlehem where they knew that the savior she was carrying would be born. How do you think that made them feel?
 - a. Think of where you are going to end up. How should that make you feel about what is going on in your life right now?
 - b. Can we trust that God is in control when those in power don't behave the way we think they should?
 - c. How does knowing that God is in control help us deal with government and bosses and other authorities in our lives?
6. How did Jesus deal with those in authority who opposed him? Give examples.

Philippians 2:5-7: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

- a. How can we use him as a model in how we deal with our authorities?
- b. How does Philippians 2:5-7 affect how you deal with others in your life?

7. Jesus called himself the bread of life and was born in a food trough. When we take communion we symbolically eat his body? What do all these images tell us about our relationship to and with God?