Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "Advent Series: Love" Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7 December 24, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

- 1. Define love.
 - a. How do you show someone you love them?
- 2. If love is willing the good of another, how is grace an act of love?
 - a. Love is doing what is best for someone, which could include punishment, how does grace fit in?
- 3. What did it cost Jesus to be able to show us grace?
 - a. What does it cost you to show grace to someone?
 - b. Why is it worth it?
- 4. Because of Jesus's sacrifice, our sins are forgiven. Is that all?
 - a. What else do we gain from Jesus's sacrifice?
- 5. Why is it important that Jesus came down and lived with us for a while?
- 6. Why didn't He just come down, subdue the Romans, and set up his kingdom?
 - a. What was his real goal?
- 7. What message can we take away from the fact that God, in Jesus, allowed himself to be vulnerable by being born as a baby in a manger?