

Jesus as told by Luke
Week's Reading: Luke 2:1-20
Discussion Guide: December 25, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." - Luke 1:38a

What encouraged or challenged you from the Christmas musical?

OPEN:

- In what particular way did you find yourself desiring to praise God this past week?

READ and ASK: Luke 2:1-20

- What impresses you most about Mary and Joseph?
 - o How much do you think Mary and Joseph understood about the baby that was to be born to them?
- What can we learn about responding to unexpected difficulties from Mary and Joseph?
- Of all of God's options, why do you think God chose to announce the birth of his son to shepherds?
 - o What did the angel say was significant about this baby that had been born?
 - Talk about the significance of each declaration of the angels (*verses 10-14*).
 - o How did the shepherds obey God?
 - How do you struggle to obey God like these shepherds?
 - What is the responsibility of those who "discover" the good news about Jesus?

APPLY:

- It seems that the appearances of the angels to Zechariah, Mary and the Shepherds happened when they were going about their usual business. What can this imply about what it means to be "spiritual"?
 - o How has God spoken to you in ordinary times of life?

- In what ways can you renew your enthusiasm for the message of Jesus' birth?
- NEXT STEP: How can we most effectively use the Christmas season in order to share the gospel?

Memory Work:

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. - Luke 1:68

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 2:21-52