

“A Birth Story”

Luke 2:1-20

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Getting to know each other:

1. Do you know your birth story? Any unique/interesting facts you've learned about your entrance into this world?
2. What are some of the unique details of the birth of Jesus. Come up with as much as you can from the Biblical accounts.
3. What are some of the traditions of Christmas that may be a stretch to the true account?

READ Luke 2:1-20

4. Knowing the story: A simple quiz
 - Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?
 - Why was there no room?
 - What can we know of the “inn” by the Greek word used? How does this mess with our traditional Nativity sets?
 - What does the name Bethlehem mean? How cool is that considering John 6:35?
5. Describe the significance of the angel's announcement, specifically these terms:
 - Fear Not – what are people afraid of today?
 - Good News – the same word for Gospel!

- Great Joy – Joy comes in knowing Jesus
 - All people – why is it important to know this part of the message?
6. How might the shepherds represent us? Read: Luke 1:51-52; 1 Cor 1:26-29
 7. What kind of peace did the angel announce?
 8. How can a person find peace with God? Consider Rom 5:1 & explain.
 9. Women in the group specifically, what do you think Mary pondered upon? V19
 - Do we give ourselves time to think, to ponder, to meditate on God's activity around us?

As you pray for one another, ask God to give us the same excitement about this story today as we think we have during the Christmas season. Who can we tell?