

SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GETTING STARTED:

- 1) What has been the largest disruption to your life plan thus far? Overall, was this disruption good, bad or neutral?
- 2) How do you typically approach life? Are you more scheduled and like to know the plan or do you tend to be more spontaneous? How does this outlook help / hinder when unexpected things come up?

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-9, Phil 2:6-9

DISCUSSION

- 1) Read Luke 2:1-7: In this passage, Joseph and Mary are required to pack up and move their growing family in order to participate in the Emperor's census. Share of a time when you have had to make an unforeseen journey. How did that affect you and those closest to you?
- 2) In the Luke 2 passage, to fulfill scripture, God needed Jesus to be born in a certain region. Share other Bible narratives in which God disrupts people's lives in order for His will to be fulfilled.
- 3) In what ways can disruptions and unforeseen events strengthen or weaken our relationship with God?

DIG DEEPER (Other scriptures?)

- 1) How has this pandemic disrupted your life? In what ways has it brought you closer to God? In what ways has your relationship with God suffered in the past few months?
- 2) Read Philippians 2:1-9: Jesus left home to come be with us. In what ways can we use his example to use the uncomfortable to serve others during this holiday period?

BRING IT HOME

- 1) What do you need to do to make it easier to see disruption as a good thing?