

what child is this?

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DNA GUIDE

WEEK 3: THIS CHILD IS SAVIOR

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during you own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: Luke 2:1-21, Isaiah 9:1-6

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon entitled, "This Child is Savior", consider these questions together:

1. In what areas of your life are you in the dark? Where are you clearly in need of a Savior?
2. How have you been trying to deal with the darkness or need?
3. The true story of Christmas is about your need for a Savior. How is Jesus able to bring light to your darkness and salvation to your brokenness?
4. Take time to speak the truths or your need for a Savior and the truths about Jesus work and power to save to each other.

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. Where are they “in the dark” or experiencing the need for a savior. Take time to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. What does it look like for you to go to Jesus with the darkness you’re feeling or the needs you have right now?
2. In light of the responses of the people (wonder), Mary (ponder and treasure) or the shepherds (glorify and praise God), what do you think is the appropriate response for your situation?
3. What new belief has God granted you and as a result, what new behavior do you believe you need to engage in this week?
4. Who would be blessed to hear what God is doing in your life?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?