

## A MIRACULOUS BIRTH: JESUS

LUKE 2:1-20

Did Mary ponder . . .

The miracle of God's Son being born in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ . . .

. . . so that you and I \_\_\_\_\_ .

The miracle of the \_\_\_\_\_ coming to shepherds . . .

. . . so that we \_\_\_\_\_ .

The miracle of the \_\_\_\_\_ about God's Son

being born . . .

. . . because the news is \_\_\_\_\_ .

## FURTHER STUDY QUESTIONS

### Opening

- Review Pastor Joel's sermon and Take Home Idea. What struck you about the sermon? What do you have questions about?
- Growing up, when did your family put up the Christmas tree? Who decorated it?

### Dig

- In light of the promises of 1:30-35, how might Mary feel as she awaits delivery in a stable?
- What does this story say about God's control of political affairs?
- Why do you suppose the Savior of the world was born in an obscure village and in a feeding trough? What does show you about what God values?
- Why do you think God choose to announce the birth of his Son to shepherds and not political or religious leaders? How does this relate to Mary's song (1:46ff)?

### Reflect

- Angels appeared to Zechariah, Mary and the Shepherds when they were just doing their jobs and being themselves. What does that imply about what it means to be spiritual?
- When did God last take a situation that appeared hopeless to you and use it for his purposes?
- Take some to wonder, reflect, ponder, be amazed, worship the one who came for us at Christmas.
- Close this time by praying together as a family.