



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Series: *Miraculous* (3 of 3)

Title: *GOD with US*

Luke 2:8-21 (NIV)

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

²¹ ...He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

John 1:14a (NIV)

^{14a} The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

- 1) Spend a moment sharing what the Christmas season means for you. What was this time of the year like for you growing up as a child? What is it like today? Is it easier or more challenging for you to focus on the “Reason for the Season” during this time of year than most other times? Why or why not?
- 2) Are you in an IMPOSSIBLE situation today? Describe your most CHALLENGING situation at the moment. Now *put yourself in Mary’s situation – A pregnant virgin.* Next, *put yourself in Joseph’s shoes – Your pregnant bride to be...says she’s still a virgin.* What might God be saying to you through the story & circumstances of His own Son’s birth?
- 3) *The Theology of Incarnation – God in the flesh.* What does it mean to you that God left the Heavens and walked among us? What does it mean to you that perhaps “the most SPIRITUAL thing” Jesus ever did...was to put on skin, walk humbly in our midst and die a gruesome, PHYSICAL death? What kind of effect should this have on YOUR own physical life?

FRIENDLY REMINDER: On December 30th we will be meeting at 9AM and 11AM on our Jefferson Campus. (LATTCC will be closed for the holidays.) See you soon!

