



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

During the month of December, group discussion will focus on the story and circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. We hope this time leads you to fresh awe of who Jesus is and why He came to earth.

WARM-UP QUESTION

What's your typical Christmas Day schedule?

DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message from "Christmas at the Movies." Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Have someone read Matthew 1:18-25 out loud.

- What do you notice about Joseph in these verses? Is there anything that stands out to you that you didn't notice before?
- If you were in his shoes, what would have been hard for you in this scenario? What would have reassured you or given you confidence to do what the angel said?

Read Luke 2:1-7.

- When you've heard the Christmas story in the past, how have you usually pictured the scene of Jesus' birth? How has that picture changed over the years?
- Is there anything in particular that hits you differently as you read these verses?

Read Luke 2:8-19.

- What phrases or actions speak most to you in this passage, and why?
- As you think about the Christmas story, who do you find yourself identifying with most: Joseph, Mary, or the shepherds? Why?
- Once the shepherds saw Jesus, they spread the word about Him. Have you ever had an encounter with Jesus that made you want to tell others? Share about what happened.
- When you think about people in your life who need to hear the good news about Jesus, who comes to mind first? What could you do this week to share with them?

RESPOND

- As you reflect on what you just discussed, what is one step you'll do this week in response and when will you do it? If there's someone you could invite to Christmas with Traders Point, take a step to do so and tell your group for accountability.
- Spend a few minutes praying together. Lift each other up as you prepare for Christmas. Pray for those who will be invited to Christmas with Traders Point and who may walk into the church for the first time. Pray for your group members to keep their focus on Jesus this week and to remember His love and sacrifice.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!