

CHRIST MESS



How did I get Here?

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: Share about a time that everything went exactly the way it was planned or maybe even better than it was planned?
 - What is it like when that happens?
 - When that happens do you worry about what may be lurking? Just waiting for something to go wrong? Why or why not?
 - How often does this happen for you?
 - What do you think are some of the differences for those who seem to have this happen a lot vs. those who more often don't see things going according to plan?
 - What are you more likely to do... Praise Jesus when things are going well or pray to him when they are not? Why?
- Read Luke 2:1-20
 - Together compile a list of everything that went wrong in this journey for Mary and Joseph?
 - Since she was so far along in her pregnancy why do you think they still made the decision to travel to Bethlehem from Nazareth?
 - What was it specifically that troubled you?
 - Why do you think you felt troubled instead of peace in light of the faith that we have in God?
 - In our nativity scenes it is often displayed that the shepherds were there as welcome guests. Do you think that was true? How do you think Mary and Joseph felt about the presence of the shepherds? Why or why not?
 - What were the "hidden blessings" in this story?
 - Have you ever experienced hidden blessings when it seem like everything was not going according to plan? Share with the group.
 - What is God's role when everything is going according to plan? What is His role when everything is not going according to plan?
 - How do you stay focused on Him in either of these circumstances?