
USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: The Christmas story didn't begin with shepherds watching over their flocks, wise men following a star, and a young couple that couldn't find a place to have their baby. It began much earlier than that, and it was more epic than anyone could have imagined.

» Main Points

- The whole world would be blessed because the whole world needed blessing.
- The Christmas Story is part of an unbelievable, incoherent, and impossible promise.

» Getting Started

- How do you feel heading into this Christmas season?
- Is this a positive or negative time for you?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 49:6; Malachi 1:1; Galatians 4:4; Luke 1:26-33
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

reachout

- It's Christmas! What a great time to reach out to your neighbors. Bring them a small gift, some hot chocolate, maybe some cookies. If you've never met them before, introduce yourself. Bring them an invite to our Christmas Eve services.

growdeep

- Do you find it difficult to believe the details of the Christmas story? Why or why not?
- Talk about a time when God seemed silent or distant in your life. How did this experience affect your faith?
- Reread Genesis 12:1-3. In what ways does God's promise to Abraham change our view of the Christmas story?
- Look back at Isaiah 49:6. What does this verse tell you about God's character?

partner with families

- Talk as a family about who you know (friends, family members, neighbors) that need to hear about the hope that comes in the story of Christmas. Pray for those people together as a family, then ask God for the courage to share that hope with them. We can help, too, invite those people with you to one of our Christmas services!

» Next Steps and Prayer

- What can you do this season to focus on the meaning of the Christmas story to our community and in your life?
- Close by praying for God to show you something new about himself this Christmas season.