Series *Sermon-based Growth Group Questions*

December 20, 2020

Luke 2:1-20

Introductory Discussion:
What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Mary and Joseph had to travel a great distance because of the Roman census for taxation. What burdens does that remind us of today?

2. What does Jesus being born in a manger symbolize?

    a. If He is who we say He, why wasn't it made more obvious?

3. But the angels did herald his birth. What is the good news?

    a. Discuss anything you see in the angel's announcement that is significant.

4. To whom did the angels make the announcement?

    a. Why shepherds?

5. The angels praise Him for who he is, but also what he is going to do.He hasn't done anything yet. What does that remind us about what our attitude should be?

6. In verse 15, what do the shepherds do?

    a. What does that tell us about how we should respond to the message?

7. In verse 18, what does it mean to wonder and why is it important?

8. When they told Mary she treasured these things and pondered them in her heart. What was she doing and why?

9. Why do you think the shepherds glorified God at this event?