

SCC Small Group Study
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Jesus Came to Free us
Luke 2:1-20

Getting Started:

If you had to choose, would you rather live the rest of your life in a place where the lights won't turn off or in a place where the lights won't turn on? Why?

Jesus referred to Himself as, "the light of the world" (John 8:12). In what sense has Jesus brought light to your darkness?

Searching the Scriptures:

A trip to Bethlehem - Read Luke 2:1-7

- A. Are you surprised that the Lord would be born in such humble conditions? What does this tell you about the nature of God?

- B. In light of the promises of Luke 1:30-35, how might Mary feel as she awaited the delivery in a stable?

- C. Have you had an experience like the census of Luke 2:1-5 that has been used by God to get you in the right place at the right time? How does this affect the way we can view circumstances beyond our control?

The angel's good news - Read Luke 2:8-20

- D. Angels are referred to 15 times in the birth narratives. What do you understand about angels?

- E. Of all the people the angels could have visited, why did God send them to the shepherds? (See Mary's song verses 1:51-53 to get more insight about God's priorities.)

- F. Of the three responses to Jesus' birth (vs 2:18-20), which most nearly corresponds to yours?

Application of Scripture:

- A. How does the birth of Jesus in a particular time and place impact the way you view the time and place in which God has placed you? How is this significant in fulfilling His purposes in your life?

- B. What is a situation where you need Jesus' presence to shine light?

- C. Jesus' birth brought light into the darkness. What do you need to do to walk in that light?