

**SCC Small Group Discussion**  
**The Senses of Christmas: Touch - Luke 2:1-7**  
Derived from a sermon on December 3, 2023 by Dr. Jeff Chandler

**Getting Started:**

What are some ways that you experience touch in your daily life?

How does touch affect your mood, your relationships, and your sense of well-being?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

- A. In Luke 2:6-7, Mary gave birth to Jesus, wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger. How do these actions embody the sense of touch?
- B. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph felt when they began bonding with their newborn son?
- C. In Mark 8:22-26, Jesus healed a blind man by touching his eyes twice. Why do you think Jesus chose to heal through this manner?

D. In Mark 5:21-43, a woman was healed by touching Jesus' cloak and Jairus' daughter was healed when Jesus takes her by the hand. What does this tell us about the significance of touch?

E. How do these three passages deepen our understanding of the incarnation - God becoming flesh and dwelling among us?

F. As we celebrate Christmas, how might we use our sense of touch to connect more deeply with the story of Jesus' birth and His ministry on earth?

**Application of Scripture:**

A. Jesus is still in the business of raising us. How has His touch brought you healing, transformation, and new life?

B. How can you be more aware and grateful for the gift of touch in your life? How can you use touch to bless others and to express Christ's love?