

LET US ADORE

Group Guide:
Week 2

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What was the most extraordinary thing you've ever experienced? How did you respond?
- What's your favorite Christmas movie?
- Discipleship check-in

INTRODUCTION

As we prepare for Christmas and go through the Advent season, we are going to be reading the various songs that people sing in response to the announcement of Christ's birth. Our hope is that these songs will guide us into worship as well. Take time as a group this week to read the song of the angels announcing Christ's birth to shepherds, and consider how the most humble among God's people received the good news that night.

READ & DISCUSS

READ: Luke 2:8-12

DISCUSS: "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Christ comes humbly, in the company of humble humans and livestock, and is announced to people who are similarly lowly. Why is that significant? What other parts of Scripture does it remind you of?

READ: Luke 2:13-14

DISCUSS: Christ is announced by an armed army of angels—declaring peace! The peace of God is backed up by his power. Why is Jesus announced by a host—an army!—of angels?

READ: Luke 2:15-20

DISCUSS: "But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." The proper response to the Gospel story is both outward praise and inward pondering. What are the results of those responses throughout the story?

REFLECT & APPLY

DISCUSS: How can you experience the peace the angels announced to those with whom God is pleased?

PRAY

Let the angel's words be your own this week: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Ask God to make his name glorified, and to bring peace among his people and his world. If possible, this might be a great week to worship God in song! Carols like "O Come Let Us Adore Him" are perfect responses to the gospel story.

Leader's Note - For the next couple weeks we will be doing something different with the group guides. They will be a little more bare bones, because we want to create group guides that help everyone learn to read, understand, and apply Scripture for themselves. Please feel free to offer any feedback that you have about the new structure—we'd love to know if you feel like it is helpful or not!

Discipleship Check-In

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?