

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Why Christmas?

September 11, 2016

Luke 2:1-20

- 1.) How do you usually experience the Christmas season? Is it typically profoundly moving and life-changing, a blur that you hardly notice, a painful season that you try to avoid?
- 2.) Will spoke of Jesus sometimes in his often life being theoretically a Savior but functionally a mascot, trainer, teacher, or friend. What role does Jesus often functionally play in your life?
- 3.) When was the last time you remember really needing Jesus to be your Savior? If we're not actively looking to him to forgive/rescue us from our sin, are we really trusting him as our Savior?
- 4.) Be honest: Does reading Luke 2:10-11 cause you to react (even internally) with great joy? Why are the shepherds so much more excited than we often are?
- 5.) Speaking of shepherds, what do we learn about the heart of our God from the people to whom He chooses to announce the arrival of his Son? Further, what about choosing such "unreliable witnesses" to be the first ones who shared the good news?
- 6.) Why Christmas? Will said, "Because God is not willing to leave you in your sin but is zealous for you to know his love and the security of being welcomed at his table forever so He sends a Savior" and "Because we insist on sinning and God insists on saving." How would you answer in your own words?
- 7.) Will cited the first responders from 15 years ago on 9/11 as pictures of what Jesus is doing at Christmas. In what way, and what does that mean for us as trapped people and as potential first responders?
- 8.) How does the Lord's Supper remind you about the reality of Christmas and Jesus coming to you?
- 9.) What is your favorite Christmas carol/hymn, and which words of it most point your heart to the joyful message of a Savior?



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