

### The Heart of the Matter

12. Mary and Joseph were in a desperate situation when Jesus was finally born but God made sure all their needs were met. How has God taken your “desperate situation” and used it for good?

13. God appeared to Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds when they were just being themselves. What does this imply about how and when God works in our lives?

14. What precious event has God done in your life that you continue to “treasure in your heart”?

15. Like the shepherds, in what way do you need to respond to Jesus right now?

### Praises and Prayer Requests:



## Life Group Study Guide

### The Birth of the King Luke 2:1-21 For the Week of December 25, 2022

#### Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. In what ways is your hometown different now than when you grew up? Is it still home to you? Why or why not?
3. When does your Christmas tree go up? Real or artificial? What childhood Christmas traditions are you still observing from your childhood?

### **Digging Deeper**

4. From verses 1-3 how are things different today than when Caesar Augustus was reigning as the Roman Emperor? How are things the same?

5. From verse 4, what is so significant about Joseph and Mary having to travel all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem to register? (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:5-6)

6. In light of the promises presented in Luke 1:30-35, what might Mary be thinking as she awaits the delivery of her baby in the stable? In what ways do we see God at work in all of this? (Galatians 4:4-7)

7. In your own words, how would you describe Jesus' birth? What aspects of His birth are the most important to you?

8. How does the shepherds' experience with the angels compare to that of Zechariah (1:8-9) and Mary (1:26-27)?

9. Out of all the people the angels could have visited, why do you suppose God chose to send them to the shepherds?

10. How do the shepherds react to the message from the angels? What steps do they immediately take after hearing the good news?

11. When the shepherds arrived after Jesus was born, how does Mary respond to their arrival? How did the shepherds return home?