



1. Connect

Question of the Day. What is your favorite food or drink around Christmas time?

2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

This week, our message was from Luke 2:1-14. Read the passage and dive into the questions below.

Luke 2:1-14 (NIV)

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

1. The story of Christmas is the story of two "kingdoms": the lower-case.. kingdoms of this world *and* the upper-case.. Kingdom of God. What are some *lower case kingdoms* that you're tempted to give your devotion to?
2. What do you make of the reality that Jesus came into the world lowly and poor, in a manger and not a palace?
3. The shepherds are "filled with fear" at the presence of the angels until the good news of Jesus is told to them. What do you find yourself filled with this holiday season? Fear, anxiety, loneliness? Talk about that in your group.



3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

There was no room for Joseph, Mary and JESUS in the inn. There was no room for God!

1. If Jesus came to our doors, what would he find? Who would answer? Would our political agendas answer, and say, "I'm sorry Jesus but there's no room." Would the resentment in our hearts tell Jesus to keep going, would our lust for the things of the empire tell the Lord of the Kingdom to keep going? What are some things, people or attitudes that you might need to "evict" in order to make some room for Jesus this holiday season?
2. The story of Christmas is the story of a God who makes room for humility to have relationship with him. Who might God be calling you to make room for this Christmas season? How can you begin to do practically do that?

4. Prayer

Take some time to hear prayer requests from each member of your LifeGroup. Pray for one another, for your families, communities, our church, and the world.

*If anyone needs additional pastoral support or prayers regarding this sermon or any other aspect of our series, please don't hesitate to reach out to our pastoral staff. We would love to chat more deeply and pray with you.



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LifeGroup Discussion Guide



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