Luke 2:1-7 Pastor Ed Kemp

## **MESSAGE NOTES**

Thursday, December 9 Sunday, December 12

## Introduction

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. 2This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. 6While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## Luke want us to think of:

Roman History Augustus Quirinius

Micah's Prophecy Bethlehem

Biblical Theology Family of David

## So What?!

When you think of Christmas think of:

- · History, How has God worked around me?
- · Prophecy, How has God worked in me?
- · Theology, How has God worked through me?

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	GROUP DISCUSSION	
Prayer Requests:	GROOF DISCOSSION	

**Group Discussion:** What is your favorite Christmas carol and why?

Read out loud: Luke 2:1-7

When you think of Christmas think of:

#1. History, How has God worked around me?

Was there a time you really prayed and saw God work in your circumstances? Maybe it was buying a house, a car repair, a physical illness in yourself or another, a birth, a marriage, parenting issue, or financial need.

#2. Prophecy, How has God worked in me?

Do you have a life verse from the Bible by which you try to live your life? If not read these 3 verses and see if one of them applies to you. John 3:16, Proverbs 3:5-6 and I John 4:7 (can include I John 4:7-10 if you're ambitious!)

#3. Theology, How has God worked through me?

How do you serve your world? GateWay encourages everyone to Invite, Connect, Develop and Serve. Which one of those do you feel like you participate in the most? I'm a big inviter, everywhere I go I invite people to GateWay. Later in life I realized during my early life there were a lot of Christians around me in school, not one of them invited me to church. It impacted me in a really big way, I committed to be an inviter. How does God work through you?

**Family Time:** Get online and download/print out your 3 favorite Christmas carols. Read Luke 2:1-7 and sing those 3 Christmas carols with your kids.