

Use this quide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.

The War of Christmas!

December 14, 2025

Read Genesis 3:1-7, 14-15 and Luke 2:1-17 and discuss some of these questions:

- 1. In Genesis 3:15, God declares the gospel for the first time by declaring war on Satan and announcing that a Deliverer from the woman's offspring.
 - a. Why is this verse foundational to understanding the entire Bible?
 - b. How does seeing Christmas as a war change your perspective on the nativity story? What does it teach us about the reality of spiritual warfare today?
 - c. Why is the virgin birth essential to the gospel? How does it connect to Jesus being fully God and fully human?
- 2. In Luke 2:1-7, God uses Caesar's decree to fulfill prophecy (Mic. 5:2). How can God's providence encourage us when life feels chaotic or when evil political powers seem dominant?
- 3. In Luke 2:8-14, the angels announce the arrival of the promised Deliverer and the peace of God.
 - a. What's the significance of the three titles the angel gives to Jesus in Luke 2:11? How do these titles deepen your worship of Jesus?
 - b. How does the theme of war help us understand the peace that the angels announce in Luke 2:14? Why is surrender essential to experience true peace?
- 4. In Luke 2:15, the shepherds go to Bethlehem to proclaim what they've seen and heard.
 - a. How can this challenge the tendency to keep Christmas private and sentimental?
 - b. What practical steps can you take to go and tell of Christ this Christmas?
- 5. In what specific ways would you like prayer in light of our conversation?

Pray for one another and consider singing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."