



# DIGGING DEEPER

Week 4 | Luke 2:8-20



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## RECAP

This weekend we continued our study of Luke during Advent, focusing on the group of shepherds who received the great announcement of the birth of a Savior! Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you as you study through this passage.

**ICEBREAKER:** Describe your favorite Christmas. What made it so special, joyful and memorable?

**READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER:** Luke 2:8-20

## DISCUSS

1. Based on this familiar passage, what stands out to you as you read it today?
2. Reflect and share your impressions of the nativity scene in Bethlehem. Growing up, what was your understanding of the story? What aspects or details resonated with you?
2. Pastor Cliff focused on the declaration of peace from verse 14 and how God is the initiator and bringer of peace itself. How has this truth impacted you? How does it affect you today?
3. Read Colossians 1:15-20. Through the lens of advent, what stands out to you in this passage and why?
4. Discuss the following statement Pastor Cliff shared in his message: *"The peace Jesus offers is not a shield against trouble, but neither is it held captive by adversity. It is not a fair-weather peace. It means that come what may, the most important issue of life has been settled. You are God's beloved and nothing can separate you from that love."*
5. In response to the peace God has made with you, how is the Holy Spirit guiding you to extend peace to others? What relationships in your life need peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, and more love? How can you be the initiator to make peace?

## PRAYER TIME

Allow your group members to pray for you. Be willing to share prayer requests and pray together as a group. As we study the Gospel of Luke, please be committed to read along with us through this book!

## GET INVOLVED

**SERVING OPPORTUNITIES:** Consider serving as a group this season. We need volunteers at Winter Guest House (Jan 1-8) and during the Upward Basketball season (starting in January). You can find out more and sign up at [fairoaks.church/missions](http://fairoaks.church/missions) or contact Lauri Balbi ([LBalbi@fairoaks.church](mailto:LBalbi@fairoaks.church)).

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