

Making Room: Hospitality

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

Read Luke 2:1-21

1. How do you think Joseph and Mary would have been feeling about having to travel to Bethlehem?
2. In what ways was room made for Joseph and Mary? Who do you think was making room for them?
3. How do we make room for God daily? Why is this important?
4. What happens if we do not look to make space for God?
5. Why is hospitality such an important aspect of discipleship?
6. What role does offering hospitality to others play in your journey of discipleship?
7. How do we stretch the fabric of our lives to make space for others?
8. How can we push beyond our usual habits of hospitality and invite into our homes and to our tables those we might normally invite?
9. What is the significance of the role of the shepherds in this story?
10. What can we learn from the reaction of the shepherds?

Prayer points:

- Spend time praying for the situation in Israel/Palestine:
 - o For peace to prevail, and soon.
 - o For the political and military leaders of the area.
 - o For the civilians caught in the middle of the conflict.
 - o For those who have lost family members and loved ones.
 - o For long term solutions to be adopted and agreed to.
 - o For Jesus to be the centre of bringing peace and stability to the land of his birth.