

Small Group Questions December 18th 2016 The Story of Christmas: Luke 2:1-39

- 1. When you hear the word "Christmas" what is....honestly....the very first thing that comes to your mind?
- 2. What is your observation of the secular vs. spiritual aspects of Christmas in our society?
- 3. What are some traditional parts of the Christmas story that are probably not accurate?
- 4. Was Christmas celebrated by the New Testament church? (No)
- 5. If not, why do we place such an emphasis on this Holiday?
- 6. When you read the series of events that surrounded the birth of Jesus, what is the most impacting or exciting event to you?How does it help you draw into God?
- 7. What is significant to you about the fact that God entered the world as a baby, in a cave, and was announced by lowly shepherds?
- 8. What was Simeon doing in the temple (v.25)? (Waiting for the Messiah to arrive)

What are you "Waiting on" from God?

9. Describe the life of Anna the prophetess (v.36-38).

Though you may not have the specific calling on your life that Anna did, what does learning about her lifestyle convict in your heart?

Would you really "Enjoy" that full focus on Spiritual things?

If not, what can you share with the group that you would like to do for God to be more of a priority for you?

10. The Christmas Holidays can bring joy, but also pain, frustration, and disappointment into our lives. What is your #1 goal for Christmas Holiday events going on in your life?