

Connect Group Guide:



Passage

Sermon Link: [https://youtu.be/ A07n_tmlG0](https://youtu.be/A07n_tmlG0)


Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- What is your favourite Christmas memory?
- Do you believe that God fulfills His promises?

Worship:

(May choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

- Link:  Phil Wickham - Joy To The World (Joyful, Joyful) (Live from Anahei...)

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Jesus came to earth fully God, but also fully human. Sometimes we forget the human aspect of Jesus. How does thinking about Jesus as a little human baby make you feel?

- God decided to send His Son in the form of a man in order to restore the relationship with Him, to give us the opportunity to not only identify with Jesus but know that He experienced everything in this life. Why did God choose to send His son to us in mortal human form?

Read: Isaiah 9:3 - 7

- What is the full promise of this piece of scripture?

Read: Luke 2:8 - 13

- What is the promise of *this* piece of scripture?
- Why did the shepherds hear and believe even before they saw Jesus?
- How can we look at the manger and see past the baby but see a King of who's kingdom there will be no end?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Over and over in these pieces of scripture Jesus fulfills the promises God had made. Promises made, promises kept! Are you trusting God for a promise He has made to you? How can you recommit this promise back to Him?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

- Pray a prayer of thanks for the Ultimate Gift in the form of Jesus and for the fulfilling of God's promises in our lives.

