

## **Weekend Message Questions**

### **Christmas at the Movies - Elf**

**11/27 - 11/28**

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**CHECK-IN:** *Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.*

How did everyone do with last week's DIY? (Think through your community and what needs to change. Make plans to lead a group or join a group in January 2022.)

What is your favorite Christmas movie? Is it a requirement in your home to watch it before the "Christmas Season" can begin?

How would you define joy? What are some misconceptions of joy?

**"Joy is choosing to respond to external circumstances with inner contentment and satisfaction, because we know that God has a plan for us and will use our experiences to accomplish His work in and through our lives."**

**READ:** Luke 2:8-12

Advent: The arrival of a notable person, thing or event.

**READ:** Luke 2:16-20

What sticks out to you in these passages?

Why did the shepherds hurry?

**READ:** Galatians 5:22-23

Joy is produced in our lives as evidence of what?

Do you know any followers of Jesus who are not joyful?

**Joy comes from knowing Jesus.**

**READ:** Luke 2:17-18

What message was being spread by the shepherds?

Can you think of a time that your joy was contagious?

**Joy is contagious... so help spread it!**

**READ:** Luke 2:20

Did the shepherds have joy as they went back to what they were previously doing?

Why can you have joy in whatever situation you may find yourself in?

Have you ever experienced joy changing your perspective of a situation?

**Joy is not dependent on our circumstances.**

**READ:** Luke 1:46-47

What was the reason for Mary's response?

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Why should we have a similar response?

**READ:** 1 Peter 1:6-9

Did you need to be reminded of any promises found in this passage?

Is there someone you know that needs to know or be reminded of these promises?

**PRAY**

Can you use prayer? <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>