



Community Group Questions

Read the verses: Luke 2:1-14

1. Luke presents Caesar Augustus as a larger-than-life figure; the epitome of greatness. In the book *The Tale of Three Trees*, the first tree dreams about being like a golden treasure chest. Our society holds up different figures or “Caesars” that are the epitome of greatness today. What person or vision of greatness have you dreamed about becoming?
2. Is greatness (excelling at something, being better than average) necessarily bad? When does it become unhealthy?
3. In the book *The Tale of Three Trees*, the first tree ends up not living out his dreams and appears to become insignificant. However, God uses this tree to be a manger that holds Jesus. In what ways has your life not gone according to how you wanted, and looking back you can see God's goodness and use it for this unexpected turn?
4. Why do you think God chose first to tell the news of Jesus' birth to shepherds?
5. How can these verses reassure you when you feel tempted or unworthy of God's love?
6. In what ways has the gift of Jesus been good news and great joy in your life? In what specific, tangible ways can you use your position or sphere of influence to serve others and share the good news of Jesus?