



LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. As you read through this probably familiar chapter of the Bible, was there anything that stood out to you that you had considered before?
2. In Luke's telling of the angels' appearance to the shepherds he alludes to Luke 1:79 and Isaiah 9:2 highlighting the implication of Jesus' coming as bringing light into a dark world. Where is there still darkness in the world today? How can Jesus, through us, bring light into those dark spaces? Is there a practical way you can be the light this week?
3. Chrissy talked about 3 ways the shepherds responded to Jesus. Read v. 15-20. The shepherds responded to the good news about Jesus with faith, action, and praise. Consider your own journey of faith. What response do you currently need to have to Jesus? Do you need to have faith in him? Do you need to put action to your faith? Or do you need to lean in to praising Jesus even in the daily grind of being a Christian? How will you begin to take that step?
4. We thought about waiting last week as we looked at Luke 1 and we see it again here in the stories of Simeon and Anna. What encourages you about Simeon and/or Anna? What challenges you about their stories? What do their stories teach you about God?
5. Luke tells us that even at the age of 12 Jesus had a single-minded focus on his purpose. He knew why God had sent him and he was committed to pursuing what God had sent him to do no matter the cost. What kinds of distractions can make it difficult for you to stay focused on what God has called you to do? What helps you to know God's purpose for your life? What helps you to stay focused on that purpose?
6. Twice Mary told Dr. Luke that she treasured in her heart all that she'd experienced as a young mother. What moments in your spiritual journey do you treasure or hold onto as special moments? What experiences have you had that actually gained more meaning in hindsight?