

# Home Group

## Discussion Questions



*This study guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our sermon-based Home Groups in order to do this study together. Visit [crosspointsr.org/homegroups](http://crosspointsr.org/homegroups) to find a group for you!*

1. Read Luke 2:1-7. What situation did Mary and Joseph face in Jerusalem? Do you think they might have been hoping that the angels could have made special accommodations available for them in Bethlehem?

How do you cope when God fails to do what you have “reasonably expected” Him to do?

2. What does the place of Jesus’ birth teach us about Him? (think about all of it: Bethlehem and manger)

3. Discuss as a group how you would have planned the announcement of Jesus, the Savior of the World’s birth. Who would you have told first? How would you have spread the word? Why?

4. Read Luke 2:8-20. What is similar to what you said in answer 3? What is different?

Why do you think God made such an important announcement to a lowly group of shepherds? What does this tell us about God’s priorities vs. our own?

5. Look at the shepherds. What actions do they perform in these verses? List them below

What do these actions teach us about them? What can we learn from the shepherds?

6. On Sunday, Pastor Mike encouraged us to not allow our lives to crowd out the Savior. What things in your life tend to crowd out God and the things of God?

Which of the shepherds’ responses do you need to work on the most in your life? How can you do that?

*Pray for group members’ specific requests and for the supernatural peace that comes from the Prince of Peace this Christmas.*