



Series: So This is Christmas- Part 3
Passage Luke 2:1-20
Title: The Birth of Jesus
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Discussion Starter –Describe a time that you experienced the peace of God during a time of emotional distress or material need?

Is Material Prosperity a Path to Peace?

- How did Caesar Augustus use his authority, power and wealth?
- How did Jesus use His authority, power and wealth during His time on earth when He dwelt among us?
- What lasting influence did both Caesar Augustus and Jesus have on human history?
- What has God shown you about the relationship between material prosperity and inward peace? Recall some of your personal experiences.

God Doesn't Waste Our Pain and Problems (Luke 2:1-7)

- Describe how pain and problems “open your ears” to God’s voice.
- Do you think Mary and Joseph might have thought the pregnancy and birth of the Blessed Messiah would have not required a Seventy mile ride on a donkey? What are some of the things they might have learned during their experiences in this journey and time period in their lives?
- What have you learned during times when life doesn’t follow your expectations?
- How has God met you in your difficult times? What has He revealed to you in these times?
- Read Job 38:4-11. Describe in your own words God’s declaration to Job following the pain and problems he endured? What can we learn from reading God’s response to Job’s question?

The Good Tidings of Christmas is The Gospel (Luke 2:8-14)

- What do we know about the reputation of shepherds in this culture? Why do you think God reserved this spectacular announcement for them? What are the four points recapped in the angel’s announcement?
- Read Colossians 1:21-22. Describe in your own words the complete salvation that was accomplished for us by the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

What is Your Response to Christmas? (Luke 2:15-20)

- The world urgently needs to hear the Gospel. If not now, when? If not you, who? Who is God placing on your heart that needs the Gospel?
- Do you have specific expectations or assumptions for your life that God may be overturning?
- How can you more fully embrace God’s call on your life to be a joyful witness to the Glory of God?