

Year through the Bible- The Birth of Jesus

September 6

Participant Copy

Opening: Each class will begin with a review of the questions from the readings of dimension one in your student book. For those not using a student book, these are the questions to consider before class section of your daily Bible plan given out the previous week.

Questions to consider as a class:

- 1) If someone had asked Luke when all of this happened, what do you think he would have said? In other words, how does he date his story? (Read Luke 2:1-2.)

- 2) Why did Joseph have to go to Bethlehem? (Read 2:4-5.)

- 3) How did the shepherds react? Fear? Joy? Action? Wonder? Praise? (As you read the passage, make a list of their various responses, and how they follow each other.)

Deeper Discussion (these sections will be offered by your leader/facilitator as there are many options for more conversation in the leader's guide):

What does the Bible say?

What does the Bible mean?

What does the Bible mean to us?

Class Participant Daily Bible Plan- week of September 7th
(in preparation for sermon on September 13, 2020)

In preparation, please read at least Matthew 4:12-25 in preparation for our Sunday school class.

Go deeper with daily study and reflections:

Monday: Luke 2:21-38

Tuesday: Matthew 2:13-21

Wednesday: Luke 2:39-52

Thursday: John 1:19-28

Friday: Luke 3:19-38

Saturday: Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday: Matthew 4:12-25

Questions to consider before class:

- 1) What happened to John the Baptist?

- 2) Why was it important for Jesus to begin his public ministry in Galilee?

- 3) What did Jesus mean when he promised that he would make his followers "fish for people"?

- 4) What was the difference between John's ministry and Jesus' ministry?