

Christmas Joy - Baby Steps

I. Announcements & Prayer

1) December Dates:

Weekend of December 16 & 17 - Phil Joel will lead worship & Guest speaker, Dax from 104.9 the River

2) Christmas Eve Services

THREE Christmas Eve Services, December 24th at 3:00 - 4:00pm, 4:30 - 5:30 pm, 6:00 - 7:00pm

There will be no evening services on Saturday, December 23rd and no morning services on Sunday, December 24th.

3) The Christmas Menu

Check out the Christmas Giving Menu - This is our opportunity to give to near and far ministries that we support. This menu will be in your worship folder this weekend.

II. Ice Breaker Questions

- 1) Share a story of a time when you went to a dance. Who did you go with?
- 2) What is your favorite dance? The Cha Cha, The Macarena? How do you feel about being lead? Who has to lead?

III. Discussion Questions

- 1) Read **Luke 2:1-3** (NIV) In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

It says in Luke Chapter 2 that Joseph and Mary went from Nazareth to Bethlehem. What do you imagine that trip was like? What were some of their challenges?

- 2) Who in your life is far from God and needs to come home to him? What would that journey look like and how can we help?
- 3) Luke Chapter 2 also tells us that a heavenly host of angels appeared. The shepherds said, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened." How is God currently showing up in your present life circumstances to get your attention? What steps is God challenging you to make right now?
- 4) **Read Luke 2:39-41** (NIV) When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and

became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. ⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

You have heard of the "Texas Two Step". What are the next three steps you need to take in following God?

5) How can we pray for one another? What might God be calling you to do this Christmas season?

- I need to call a friend and invite them to Christmas Eve service.
- Make cookies for my neighbor.
- Log into the Neighborhood and invite a new friend to group.
- Decide where to have my daily quite time.



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