

# GROUP DISCUSSION SHEET

Living Advent | Week 3 | December 15, 2024

## Scripture and Big Idea

Luke 2:8-20 | “Living advent” finds joy in Jesus’ presence today and hope for tomorrow.

## Questions for Connection *(Offer these to help the group become comfortable and connected)*

1. What things or activities tend to bring you the most joy?
2. What were your “highs” and “lows” this past week?

## Questions for Study *(Fact questions get people reading the Bible. Application questions get people talking. Both are needed.)*

Warm up: Do you see a difference between joy and happiness? Explain?  
Which of the video clips in the Live it Out were most impactful to you this week?

### Read Luke 2:8-20

1. What is the good news that will bring great joy to people? How does it bring you joy?
2. When have you experienced true joy in just being with Jesus? What does that look like for you?
3. How do earthly joys sometimes keep us from Jesus, our true joy? What changes in your thinking or daily rhythms might help you stay rooted in the joy of the Lord?
4. What did joy-filled worship look like in the lives of the shepherds? What does it look like in your life?
5. What does it mean that the “joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10)? When have you experienced this strengthening during hard times this past year?
6. The shepherds returned “glorifying and praising God.” How can gratitude become a bigger part of our response to the good news?
7. Who has been an example to you of someone living out joy-filled worship in their lives? How would you like your group to pray for you to live out joy filled worship?

### *“Go to” for any text*

1. What is your biggest take away from this lesson?
2. What did you learn about God from this passage?
3. How will you pray differently as a result of what you learned?
4. What one change will you make in your life from this lesson?
5. What is a key verse for you from this text?
6. So what? Why is this passage important?

## Questions to ask Jesus *(Offer these for personal reflection before your group prayer time)*

1. Ask Jesus, “What thinking needs to change so I can live out joy-filled worship this week?”
2. Ask Jesus, “What actions can I do to reflect the joy I have in you?”