



THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS & THE MAGI

WORSHIP

Read John 1:1-14 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

FELLOWSHIP

What are you most looking forward to this Christmas week?

DISCUSSION

1. What is one thing you want to remember from this series on The Story?
2. Read Luke 2:8-14.
 - a. *What stands out to you in this passage?*
 - b. *What is the significance of this passage in The Story of God's people? For you?*
3. Read Matthew 2:1-12.
 - a. *What stands out to you in this passage?*
 - b. *What is the significance of this passage in The Story of God's people? For you?*
4. How is Jesus' birth "good news" to you this year? To our world?
5. On Sunday, we sang "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Read the excerpt from Charles Wesley's poem "For Christmas Day" below:

*Hail, the heavenly Prince of Peace,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.*

*Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.*

*Come, desire of nations, come,
Fix in us thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conquering seed,
Bruise in us the serpent's head.*



*Now display thy saving power,
Ruin'd nature now restore;
Now in mystic union join
Thine to ours, and ours to thine.*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. Glory
to the Newborn King.*

- a. What does this song say about Jesus?*
- b. What does this song say about us?*
- c. How will you glorify the "Newborn King" this week?*

6. How will you respond to what you're learning about The Story this week?

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

Pray for group, church, and community needs. Thank God for all the blessings that were shared during your discussion time.



