

[Luke 2 v1-20]

When you understand the world that the first Christmas story comes out of was a hard, cruel, oppressive place... How does it change the way you read and understand this passage?

The Jews believed that their God was their protector and redeemer but with the oppression of the Roman Empire and the cruelty of King Herod... the question on the mind of the people of God was, "God where are you?" What does the birth of Jesus say about God?

Shepherds at the time of the birth of Jesus were considered second class citizens... Why do you think God chose to appear to them first with the news of Jesus' birth? What does this say about the Kingdom of God compared to the kingdoms of this world?

In what ways have you seen God use an un-likely candidate to fulfill his mission? How did it change your perceptions of what you thought it looked like to serve or follow Him?

Being Christian means that we take part in spreading the Good news of Jesus where ever we go, not only with what we say but more importantly with how we act. How does the way someone "acts" convey the message that they are "saying"? Where have you seen the Beautiful Jesus message ruined by the way the person presenting it, acted?

We follow Jesus because not only because we have heard the good news, but that someone in our life demonstrated the good news for us. Who was that person for you?

Who is the someone in your life that you need demonstrate God's love too?