

### Week 3 - "Best Present Ever"

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Group Discussion Guide

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## A GIFT WORTH SEARCHING FOR

*Jesus didn't play favorites. In fact, God went out of his way to reveal the coming of Jesus to the most unlikely of people: the shepherds.*

### READ LUKE 2: 8-12

**8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

### RESPOND

1. God went out of his way to notify the shepherds of Jesus' birth. Do you identify with the shepherds in the way that Pastor Kyle described: have you ever felt unwanted, unclean, or unwelcome in religious circles?
2. How would you have responded to this kind of news if angels visited you at your place of work and told you this news in the same way?
3. Over time, all of us may become too busy, emotional, risky, impatient, or discouraged to believe that Jesus was who the angels told them they were. Out of that list of responses to the gift of Jesus, which one resonates with you most?
4. If none of those things seem to resonate, can you identify anything that still keeps you receiving the greatest gift of Jesus' grace?

### REALITY

*Jesus comes to everyone in every circumstance and welcomes them to his grace.*

**DO THE STUFF: When You Doubt God Appears to Someone Like You**

Say these words: *Jesus came for someone like me.*

Think this thought: *If the shepherds were given special insight into who Jesus was, God may want that for me too.*

Pray this verse: *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people” (Luke 2:10).*