

Life Group Questions

Something's Missing (Luke 2:8-14)

Instructions: A life group is like family. It is a time of growing in Jesus together, caring for each other, and living out Jesus' mission together. It's good to begin with prayer and the CONNECT questions to get to know one another and focus. Then read the Scriptures and discuss the questions. Make sure to conclude with an "I will" statement to apply the passage. Finish with a time of prayer together.

CONNECT Questions

- 1. Pastor Don described the chaos of his Christmas last year and a commitment to change. How busy is your Christmas season? Does it have to be this way? Explain.
- 2. Is there a thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
- 3. Share something you are thankful for or a challenge you are facing right now.
- 4. How did you do with your last "I Will" statement?

READ Luke 2:8-14

- 1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
- 2. What stands out to you?
- 3. Of all the people the angels could have visited, why do you suppose God sent them to shepherds?
- 4. Read Luke 4:18-29. Who did Jesus say he came for? How does this represent all of us?
- 5. How does the Kingdom of God contrast with the kingdom of this world? In other words, how is our culture and the way we typically live different from how Jesus wants us to live?
- 6. What do you learn about God in these passages? (his character, his ways, etc.)
- 7. What do you learn about people in these passages? (yourself, others)

LIVE IT OUT

- Are there gifts we can give others that foster relationship and blessing instead of consumerism? Give examples.
- 2. Pastor Don mentioned 2 charities (Cleantheworldfoundation.org and ChildrensCup.org/Palomino). Is this something your group would consider supporting this Christmas?
- 3. Create an "I Will...' statement" how you can live this out during this Christmas season.