

**Welcome to the
Common Ground Café!**



Sunday, December 16, 2018

**All is Well!
A Study of Luke 2:1-20**

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How early is too early to start playing Christmas music?

What popular Christmas song(s) are you most tired of hearing by December 26?

Which are your favorite Christmas songs?

Today the choir presented to us the musical “All is Well.” In your Life Group, let’s think deeply about the baby who was ***born in a manger*** and ***worshipped by shepherds***.

Born in a Manger . . .

Read Luke 2:1-7.

How do you think Joseph and Mary felt about returning to Joseph’s hometown for the Roman census?

Why do you suppose the Savior of the world was born in an obscure village and laid in a manger?

- To fulfill prophecy (Micah 5:2)
- It was David’s hometown and he was the Messiah who was promised to come from the line of David
- To show he was human
- It just happened that way
- God didn’t want to draw attention to his son’s birth
- No place would have been as grand as he deserved
- Other: _____

If you had been in Mary or Joseph's shoes and couldn't find a room, what would you have done?

- Gone back home
- Had a good cry
- Taken it out on my spouse
- Prayed for God's provision
- Other: _____

. . . And Worshipped By Shepherds

Read Luke 2:8-20.

Of all the people the angels could have visited, why do you suppose God sent them to the shepherds?

Read the lyrics to Mary's Song in Luke 1:46-55. How does the angels' announcement to shepherds relate to Mary's Song?

What three titles are given to Jesus in Luke 2:11? What is significant about them?

According to Luke 2:19, what did Mary do with all these experiences surrounding the birth of her son?

What precious event has God done that you "treasure in your heart"?

Who was the "angel" who first told you about Jesus?

Ever since that “angel” told you about Jesus, what effect has the true “reason for the season” had on you?

- Spiritual commitment
- An awakened sense of joy
- Hope for the future
- Thankfulness for God’s forgiveness
- Confusion about God’s plan
- Other: _____

An “angel” told you about Jesus. Now, who would you like to tell about what Jesus has done in your life?

- A neighbor
- A family member
- A co-worker
- A friend
- Other: _____
- I’d like you to pray that God brings someone to my mind

How can this group pray for you this week?



Close with praise reports and prayer requests