



Small Discipleship Groups Sermon Guide Questions 1 JANUARY 2023



To begin:

Do you have any welcome distractions this year-end, and if so, what is one of them and why? New favorite TV series? New pet? Close friend or family related?

Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group now in your reading and discussion.

“All is Well: He is Here”

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1. Reread aloud **Luke 2:8-20**. What stands out to you in the text this time? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise?
2. How does God’s appearance to the shepherds relate to Mary’s song in Luke 1:46-55?
3. How would you describe to someone that Jesus is fully divine and fully human? In what ways, if any, do you struggle to understand the Incarnation?
4. What’s symbolic about God announcing Jesus’ birth to some of the lowliest, “outsider” members of society?
5. How can these verses reassure you when you’re tempted to feel unworthy of God’s love?
6. What do you treasure the most about God with you in a personal way?
7. As you continue to reflect on Christ’s coming, what may God be showing you? Consider seriously those around you in need, those down or alone. To whom may the Spirit be leading you to this year’s end and in 2023? Spend some time in prayer.

Blessed New Year, Everybody!

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).



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