

FOR ALL PEOPLE // Week 1

Discussion Guide



SERIES OVERVIEW

Christmas is the story of God coming to earth to live among his people... all people. He came for the fearful, the shamed & guilty...He came for ALL people.

BIG IDEA

As we look forward to the celebration of God coming to earth as a baby this season, remember that God is always doing something in the midst of our storms. Whatever fear is stealing from you, God wants to replace it with a peace that passes all human understanding.

CONNECT

Begin with some conversation, checking in on how people are doing. Ask a couple fun starter questions everyone can relate to, such as:

- When do you usually put up all your Christmas decor... tree and all?
- Are you the type of person who does all the Christmas shopping early or do you wait until the last minute? What date do you usually have all your shopping done?

DISCUSS

- What stood out to you most about the message from the weekend?
- Is there a story, subject, or topic that you tend to tune out because you suffer from the phenomenon of Knowledge (*tuning out info or mentally fast-forwarding a story you've heard before because you already "know" it*)?

Read [LUKE 2:8-10](#)

- Share a few key phrases and/or words that stick out to you from this passage.
- What, if any, spiritual significance do you think God demonstrated when He chose to announce the birth of His son to the shepherds in the field?
- In this passage, the angel reassured them to not be afraid. What is one of your greatest fears?

Read [MARK 4:35-41](#)

- Have you ever thought about the visual concept of fear and faith being on two opposite ends of the spectrum? However, experiencing one does not mean the absence of the other. We all experience storms, but the presence of a storm does not mean the absence of God.
 - Share about a time in your own life when you experienced both fear and faith at the same time.
- What has fear been robbing from you? What next step do think Jesus might be inviting you to take to move more down the spectrum toward faith?

Pray

This week, make it your prayer focus for Jesus to make clear those areas that fear has been robbing you from what God wants for you. Honestly, ask him what step he may be challenging you to take.