



Finding Room This Christmas

Connecting in the Spirit

Luke 2:8-18 – December 3, 2017.

Life Group & Personal Bible Study Guide

This guide, based on Sunday's sermon, provides additional study and reflection for personal devotions and Life Group discussion. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a helpful resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your time in God's Word!

1) Backgrounds

What are some of your family traditions at Christmas? What about them causes you to make room for them in your life?

When life gets full around Christmas time, how do you decide what you can and can't do?

Look up Exodus 20:3 and Matthew 6:24, what are we asked to make room for?

2) Read Luke 2:8-16 again and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

Why do you think this statement is true: ***A spirit of openness towards others draws people to Jesus and glorifies God?***

3) Expanding our Understanding

Read James 3:1-12, what do these verses say about our speech?

Read Ephesians 4:29-32, what do these verses say about intent of our speech?

Our action do not save us nor make us more righteous, however, actions reveal our faith (See James 2:14-26). How then can our action be used of God to connect with others? Look at the story of the four friends that brought a paralyzed man to Jesus in Mark 2:1-12. These friends did something.

Read Luke 14:12-24. What was Jesus challenging this host to do? Why do you think it is important to be inclusive over being exclusive?

4) Digging Deeper

Look up the following Bible verses and discuss how we might follow God's insights in interacting with caustic people: Proverbs 10:12, 17:14, 22:24-25, 26:4-5, Matthew 7:3-4, Colossians 4:6, 1 Peter 3:9.

5) Personal Reflection

What might be a way to 'say something' in connecting with others this next week?

What might be a way to 'do something' in connecting with others this next week?

What might be a way to 'include someone' this next week?

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Answers to Sunday's "fill in the blanks"
& other Bible verses



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Introductory Notes:

God's challenge to make room: **Exodus 20:3**
Jesus' challenge to make room: **Matthew 6:24**

Luke 2:11, Isaiah 9:6
Revelation 3:30
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
John 3:16, Romans 5:1, Isaiah 59:2
Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23 – Immanuel/Emmanuel

Three Room-Making Actions to Connect in the Spirit this Christmas

Say Something vs8-15
Isaiah 43:7

*On the day that Jesus was born, On the day that Jesus was born, On the day that Jesus was born
The angels sang and blew on their horns, And they danced, they danced
They smiled and raised up their hands On the day, on the day that Bixby was born*

Do Something vs16
Ephesians 2:10
Galatians 5:22-23
James 1:22-24

Include Someone vs17-18