

Suggested Discussion Questions for 12/10/2023

Message: Thriving in Christmas, pt 2

1. What is a truth that you find helpful to keep reminding yourself of? What is the specific benefit in doing so?
2. Jeremiah's message to God's people in chapter 31 reveals God's heart to us as well. Read and reflect on the opening verses of the chapter. What stands out most to you?
3. In this study we looked at 5 characters in the birth narrative of Jesus and their responses to those events. Take them one at a time and share what strikes you that can help you thrive, not just at Christmas, but in daily life.

Simeon and Anna (Lu 2:22-38)

Mary (Lu 1:26-38)

Joseph (Mt 1:18-25)

Shepherds (Lu 2:8-20)

4. It's striking that almost twice the space in Luke 2 is given to the shepherds when compared to the birth of Jesus (2:1-7). Why do you think this might be?
5. Is there some place God is interrupting your life? How are you responding? If it's something you want to share, how could your group pray for you?
6. What does it say about God that He doesn't tell everyone surrounding a situation how He is at work and what He plans to do? How does this help us?
7. Joseph is often a less-emphasized player in the birth of Jesus. What grabs you most about his role and how he handled it? How does it speak specifically to you in your circumstances?
8. What would you like to discuss about this study that hasn't already been addressed?