

Series: Heaven Come to Earth

Sermon: Live At Each Campus

Speaker: Live At Each Campus

Monday: Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday: Luke 2:1-15

Thursday: John 1:1-14

Friday: Acts 4:8-12

Saturday: Titus 3:3-8

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message. If members of your group attend multiple campuses, be sure to share highlights of Sunday's message from each campus!
2. How did this message strengthen and/or correct your previous ideas related to the message topic? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. What amazes you or astonishes you about the Christmas story?
4. Have you been studying the Advent booklet? What has God been teaching you?
5. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

### **Discussion Questions based on sermon**

#### Immanuel

- Read Matthew 1:18-25. Why is it important to have Matthew connect his writings to what Isaiah shared many years before?
- God is with us and for us. How does this influence your faith? How does this influence how you live your life?
- What should you do when it doesn't "feel" like God is present?
- What do you personally appreciate most about the fact that God came to earth to be in relationship with us?

#### Word

- What does John mean by the word "Word" in John 1:1-5? How does this relate to the Christmas story?
  - What does John mean when he says that the "Word was with God" and "was God"? How do you explain that he was "with" God and "was" God? How can John affirm both things about the Word?
- Why is Jesus' presence at creation significant in affirming His deity?
- Jesus has the final word over death, sin, worries, and the enemy. How does this impact your faith and how you live your life?
- Imagine a child asks, "Why did God have to become a human?" How would you answer?

#### Savior

- If God appeared to you as the angel did to the shepherds, what would you be "greatly afraid" about? Is this a good fear or a bad fear? If it is a bad fear, is there something you can do about it?
- Read Luke 2:10-16. The angel gave instructions to the shepherds to follow. How did they obey? What is God instructing you to do? Are you obeying? If not, why not? If so, why are you obeying?
- Read Luke 2:17-18. What would our world be like if the shepherds had kept quiet and told no one what they saw and heard about Christ's birth? Are you like the shepherds telling the Good News to

everyone, or are you being silent? Why do you share the Good News or why do you decide to be silent?

**Action Step**

Who can you invite to Christmas Eve? Make some cookies and bring the cookies and invite card to Christmas Eve to a neighbor or friend this week. For more information on Christmas Eve services, visit [thechapel.com/christmas](http://thechapel.com/christmas).