

## **Week 4: Make Room A Christmas Devotional**

**Overview:** In the middle of the chaos of Christmas night, Jesus was born, and there was no room for Him. This message challenges students to ask what's taking up space in their hearts, and whether they're making room for Jesus in this season. He came not to visit but to stay, to dwell in our hearts and lead us into the life we were made for. When we slow down and welcome Him in, we step into the true glory and peace of Christmas.

**Key Scripture:** Luke 2:1-7

**Supporting Scripture:** John 1:14, Revelation 21:3, Haggai 2:7-9

### **CONTENT**

**Key Takeaway:** The King of the universe came to earth with no room – the question now is: will you make room for Him?

#### **Key Points**

- Link to Haggai
  - “I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory... The glory of this present house will be greater than the former,” says the Lord Almighty. Haggai 2:6-9
  - Zerubbabel was a sign of God's coming kingdom (Haggai 2:23)
    - Zerubbabel is in Jesus' family line (Matthew 1). Haggai's prophecy points forward to the birth of Christ – the true King and temple.
      - Haggai speaks of a time when God would come and fill the house with glory – Jesus is the glory (John 1:14)
  - Christmas – Jesus' coming - is the fulfillment of Haggai's longing.
- Jesus came in humility, not grandeur
  - “...she gave birth...placed him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn...” (vv. 6-7)
  - One of the most important moments in history happened in a dirty, cramped, crowded space.
  - Jesus didn't come with flash, fame, or force – He came in weakness to be close to us.
    - Luke's account reminds us that eternal glory comes through humble beginnings.
      - Jesus is not just the child in the manger – He's the King who shakes the nations (Haggai 2:6)
  - You don't have to clean up your life for Jesus to come in. He shows up in the mess. Are you willing to invite Him into it?

- Our lives get crowded, but we still get to choose Jesus.
  - The innkeeper isn't hostile toward Mary and Joseph – just full. (v. 7)
    - Many of us don't reject Jesus outright; we just don't leave Him space.
  - What's filling your mental/emotional space this month? If your schedule, screen time, or social feed is full, where does Jesus fit?
- Jesus came to dwell – not just visit.
  - God never wanted a one-time appearance – He wants a permanent home in your heart.
    - In Haggai, the people were called to rebuild the temple so God could dwell among them.
      - Haggai called for space to be made for God's presence.
  - Christmas isn't an event to celebrate – it's a relationship to surrender to.
    - Jesus came, but there was no room for Him. The same warning that God gave through Haggai applies: will we make space for Him?
  - Supporting Scripture: John 1:14, Revelation 21:3

**Gospel Application:** There was no room for Jesus in the inn – but He made room for you on the cross. At Christmas, God didn't just come to visit earth – He came to claim your heart. Jesus entered a forgotten place, so you'd know He sees and loves forgotten people. His birth in a manger and death on a cross are invitations: "Will you make room for Me?" The same Savior who was turned away then is gently knocking now – will you let Him in?

**Key Question:** What would it look like to actually make room for Jesus this Christmas – not just in your schedule, but in your heart.

## APPLICATION

### Activity Suggestions

- Make Room: give each student a card with: "Jesus, I make room for You in my \_\_\_\_\_"
  - Create a space in the room that students place the card: a manger, cross, or "altar" space.

### Community Group Questions

- What are some things that crowd out room for Jesus in your life right now?
- How does it change your view of God to know Jesus came into a messy, forgotten place?
- What does it mean for Jesus to dwell with you – not just visit?
- How does the Christmas story connect with what we've learned about Haggai?
- What's one way you want to make room for Jesus this next year?