Small Group Discussion Guide

The Birth of Jesus

Icebreaker:

- Were you ever in a Christmas program? What part did you play?
- What is one way your hometown is different now than when you grew up? Is it still home to you? Why or why not?

Read: Luke 2:1-20

- 1. If you have been in Mary or Joseph's shoes and could not find a room, what would you have done?
- a) gone back home b) had a good cry c) taken it out on my spouse d) prayed for God's provision e) other
- 2. Why do you suppose the Savior of the world was born in an obscure village and laid in a manger?
- a) God did not want to frighten anyone b) no one is afraid of a baby c) Jesus came to "walk in our shoes" d) other
- 3. Why do you think God chose to announce the birth of his Son to shepherds?
- a) they were close by b) they needed hope c) they were close to God d) other
- 4. What three titles are given to Jesus in verse 11? What is significant about them?
- 5. Do you think Mary and Joseph understood the full significance of the child they brought into the world?
- 6. Who was the first "angel" who told you about Jesus?
- 7. What effect does the news of Christ's birth have on you?
- 8. Mary treasured these miracles in her heart. What do you treasure most about Jesus?
- 9. With whom would you like to share the Good News of Jesus and what He has done in your life?
- a) a neighbor b) a family member c) a co-worker d) a friend e) other
- 10. How can this group pray for you this coming week?