

Least, Lost, Loved!

Luke 2:1-11

LG Questions for 12/06/09

Getting Started

- 1) **Reflect.** When asked about our favorite Christmas memories, most of us think back to the time we got that new bike or some other coveted gift. However, the best memories usually involve new friendships made, broken relationships healed, and fresh encounters with God. By that definition, what is your favorite Christmas memory?

Getting into the Bible

- 2) **Least.** Read Luke 2:1-8. a) Have you ever found yourself in unfamiliar circumstances, forgotten and alone, wondering if you'll ever make a friend? Describe how you felt and why. b) Our study focuses on newlyweds living on a shoestring and looking for lodging in a rural town inundated with unexpected travelers where shepherds are grazing their sheep on a hillside nearby. What surprises you most about the way God had His Son's life begin? What do you think the most difficult part was for Mary and Joseph?
- 3) **Lost.** Read Luke 2:9-11. a) Why were the shepherds frightened by the appearance of the angel? Would you have been afraid? b) How did the angel bring them comfort and joy? Would this have helped you? c) What did the angel promise the shepherds that Jesus would give them? Do you think our needs have changed much since? Explain.
- 4) **Loved.** Read Luke 2:11. a) According to the angel, who is Jesus? Do you believe this? If so, why? b) This is such an audacious claim that we'd better be able to back it up with other Scripture. What other Bible verses prove the same thing about Jesus? (See John 1:1-3, 14 and Matthew 1:23 for help.) c) What does it tell you about your God and your importance to Him to realize that Jesus came to earth for you?

Getting Personal and Practical

- 5) **Give.** Christmas is the celebration of Christ's birth. Given how much He loves you, what is the best gift you can give to Jesus this year to show Him how much you love Him? Write it down on your calendar right now, so you don't forget it or run out of time.