

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

December 3/4, 2016; Hark

Speaker:

Campus Pastors

Scripture Focus: Luke 2:8-20

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed the story of the announcement of the birth of Christ. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: What is your favorite memory of the Christmas season?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend's message?
3. In what ways did Luke 2:8-20 speak to you?

Specific Questions:

1. (BS)- How do you view Jesus? Have you embraced a version of Jesus that is comfortable to you, or are you embracing the Jesus revealed to us in the Bible?
2. (BRAM)- You can't produce peace in yourself. When you give God glory and honor he gives you peace. Why do you think we try to create our own peace or our own hope?
3. (BRAM)- Pastor Joel said, "God shifts our hearts not always our circumstances." When everything is not okay and it's not all good, how can you trust that God will bring peace into your circumstances? In what area in your life do you need to live out Emmanuel- God with us this season?
4. (BRPM)- The angels told the Good News. Who told you about Jesus?
5. (ES)- Read Philippians 4:6-7. When has there been a time in your life where you experienced the peace Paul talks about during a difficult time even though it seemed peace was impossible?

6. (GT)- In what ways can you be a messenger of hope to your community?

7. (PY)- How could living with God's presence everyday transform our lives?

Challenge:

Pastor Joel said that the Good News is for us individually and for all people. It is personal and powerful. Unpack what it means that the Gospel is personal and powerful.

- How is the Good News personal?
- In what ways is it powerful?

Read, Pray, Act:

Read

- The Christmas story (in the first couple chapters of Matthew and Luke).

Pray

- Pray for God to reveal to you how personal the Good News is. Reflect on what it means that Christ was born for you.

Act

- Share the Good News with someone this week. Tell them about the Christmas story and why it is so important. Invite them to a service this month at NCC.