

Road to Bethlehem | The Birthing Suite

Next Steps Review: What next step have you taken in the last week to strengthen your faith and embrace God's promises?

This Week's Big Idea: Searching for the moments in the middle of the mess.

What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?

Ice Breaker: Share a story of a time when you were desperate to find something or someone.

Scripture: Luke 2|1-7

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt like the whole world was crumbling down around you?
2. Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in unusual circumstances. What about Jesus' birth might have felt "messy" and what do you think they were thinking as they experienced this birth?
3. How can the way in which Jesus was brought into the world help guide us through our daily messes in life?

Scripture: Matthew 2|1-11

4. The appearance of the star caused the wise men to study science and scripture for its meaning. What is it that started your own search for Christ?
5. The wise men came to Herod with a purpose- to find Jesus. Is there anything God has given you a passion about lately that has caused you to pursue Jesus more?

Scripture: Matthew 2|12

7. Think back to a time when you felt or knew you should do something. Share with the group the story and what was your reaction?
8. The wise men traveled a long distance to seek Jesus, but they didn't allow anything to distract them on their journey, and they avoid entrapment on their way back. What do you believe are some key components to allow such focus and discernment?

Next Steps: As you continue to take your next steps with God, take time this season to clear the messes (distractions) around you, whatever they may be, and stand in awe of the Savior born, Jesus.

From all of us in Community Life to you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!