

**Engage Bible Study: Luke 1:57-2:20**  
**September 26-28, 2011**



- A. Jesus' birth – 2:1-7**
- B. Angelic announcement – 2:8-14**
- C. The Shepherds' response – 2:15-20**

**Questions for Small Group Conversation**

*If the people around the table don't know one another please begin with introductions.*

**Opening Prayer:** *God, thank you for this time together to open your word and grow closer to you and to one another. We invite your Holy Spirit into our conversation to open our eyes, hearts and minds to whatever you would have us learn. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

**Open Up** (pick one or both to get your conversation started)

- What's your favorite Christmas carol, and why?
- With whom do you most relate in the Christmas story? Why?

**Dig In**

- How does the beginning of Jesus' life foreshadow the rest of the story of his life, death and resurrection?
- How is the shepherds' experience similar to and different from Zechariah's in the temple?
- Why do you think so much "legend" has been added to the story of Jesus' birth?
- How do you think that Luke knew that Mary "treasured all these things in her heart"?

**Move Out**

- Notice how often God shows up in the ordinary moments of life so far in Luke's Gospel. How can you become more aware of God's presence and activity in the ordinary moments of your own life?
- To what "uncomfortable obedience" might God be calling you?
- With whom can you share the story of your faith or extend an invitation to serve or worship with you? Pray about it, and do it!

**Next Week: Luke 2:22-52 – Two Stories of Jesus in the Temple**

**Notes:**