

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Luke 2 straight through, as you would the chapter of any book.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think Luke gives us facts about “those days” in verses 1-3.
2. What prophecies about the Messiah were fulfilled in “those days” by Jesus birth?
Micah 5:2,
I Samuel 16:1,
Matthew 1:22-23
Acts 13:22-23.
3. How did God use Caesar Augustus’ decree to bring His Messiah into the world? (2:1-7)
4. In your opinion, why did God send the birth announcement to the shepherds?
5. In 2:14 the angel and the heavenly host announced “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” What is this “peace” and to whom is it given?
See Isaiah 9:6-7; 53:5, John 14:27, and Romans 5:1-2.
6. Why was it important for Mary and Joseph to return to the temple to fulfill the law? (2:21-24) Read Exodus 13:1-2; 11-12 and Leviticus 12:1-8.

7. Who is Simeon and why did he go to the temple on this specific day? (2:25-35)

8. What does Luke tell us about Anna's past and present?

9. Both Simeon and Anna were moved by the Holy Spirit to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. What choices could we make in order to be more available to His revelation in our lives?

10. In verse 49 we have the first recorded words of Jesus.
What does this let us know about Jesus at 12 years of age?

11. What does Luke 2:40-52 reveal about Jesus' character?

Luke 2 v.50 &51 – They did not understand what he (Jesus) was saying to them.....but his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

We may not always understand, but help us Lord to treasure these things in our hearts and be attentive to the Holy Spirit in our lives.