

## GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS: 12-17-2017

## Advent – Joy

Luke 2:1-7

1. What town was Jesus born in? Why did Mary and Joseph have to go there?
2. What is the significance of Bethlehem over Jerusalem?

*(Note: Bethlehem means House of Bread, which the Messiah was prophesied as the “Bread sent down from Heaven to feed the souls of mankind”.)*

3. Was there significance in the humbleness of Jesus birthplace?
4. Does the Christmas story of Jesus birth bring joy to you? How?

Micah 5:2

5. How did Jesus fulfill this Old Testament prophecy?

*(Historical Note: The lambs destined for the Temple were born and raised in the fields around Bethlehem. Every firstborn male lamb was considered holy, set aside for sacrifice in Jerusalem. Jesus, the Lamb of the God, was sacrificed for our sins.)*

6. Was it necessary for these prophecies to be fulfilled? Why?
7. Would this give the Jews joy?

John 14:1-7

8. What is the promise that Jesus gives us in these verses?
9. Does this give you joy? Do you trust what Jesus is saying?
10. How well do you trust God with the other parts of your life?
11. How can you receive God’s joy on a daily basis? What if life’s difficult?
12. How can you bring God’s joy to others?