

# Week 3 - The Promise of a Savior

#### How to use This Guide:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the discussion questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

· What was one of your favorite Christmas gifts you received as a child?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Luke 2:8-11.

The angel tells the shepherds in this passage that the baby they will find is Christ the Lord.

- · What does Jesus being Lord mean to you?
- Why do so many of us struggle with surrendering to authority?
   Read Proverbs 3:5-6, Luke 6:46, Romans 14:7-9, and Matthew 7:21-23.
   These verses stress the importance of living a fully surrendered life to Christ.
- What things in your life have you not fully surrendered to Christ?
- What's keeping you from fully surrendering to Christ?
- Why is it so important that we fully surrender to Christ?
- What are some examples you've seen of what it looks like to be fully surrendered to Christ?
- Faith comes first in fully surrendering to Christ. How would you describe your current level of faith in Christ?
- What steps do you need to take during this Christmas season towards fully surrendering everything in your life to Christ?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?
What did God say to you today through His Word? And what are you going to do about it!

### **Next Steps**

Our culture has planted this equation in us: "Spending money = love." So an invitation to "spend less" feels jarring and unloving. But the equation is false. We can spend many things besides money on others—energy, time, creativity, and love. Spending money on unneeded "stuff" is not love; it's just spending. Think through specific plans as to how you can spend less, yet love more, this Advent season. Pray about how you can support our special Christmas Offering at Cornerstone.

## 5 Day Devotional

- 1. Ask God to help you deepen your trust in Him.
- 2. Tell God what things you have not surrender to Him. Ask God to help you fully surrender your life to Him.
- 3. Tell God what Jesus being your Lord means to you and how it has impacted you. Praise Him for all He has done.
- 4. Thank God for sending His son Jesus to earth over 2,000 years ago so that you could have new life.
- 5. Ask God to stir within you a deeper passion and hunger for Him in every area of your life