

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
UNEXPECTED: Christmas Expectations
Luke 2:8-12
Week of December 10, 2017

CENTRAL TRUTH: If you only expect the bigger gifts, you will never experience the greater gifts.

GETTING STARTED

1. What are you looking forward to this Christmas season?
2. Has there ever been a time where things happened in an unexpected way? Where things didn't turn out the way you had hoped or expected?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. **READ Luke 2:8-12.** From what you know of the Christmas story, what are some of the unexpected things that occurred on that first Christmas?
4. Why do you think Jesus arrived in such a lowly manner? Was there a reason to His "disappointing" entrance into the world (Hint: Central Truth)?

TAKING IT HOME

5. How true is this statement to you?

God loves us so much that He came to earth as a child to be with us. The Jesus of history is really a Savior who can heal my heart and forgive my sins, and help me be the person I was created to be. And this Jesus would come to me today if I asked Him.

6. Why do you think the statement above is getting harder and harder to believe for both Christians and non-Christians?
7. What is one thing you can do to in the coming weeks to behold Jesus? Share and keep each other accountable.

PRAYER

Let's pray that we would find Christ in unexpected ways this Christmas season and beyond.