



# THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: REDISCOVERING CHRISTMAS**  
**TITLE: FINDING PEACE IN OUR STRUGGLES**  
**SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:8-20**

## **One Thing Follow-up**

**The entire ministry of Jesus, the hope God offers, requires a response.**

Q. What is your response this Christmas?

## **Opening**

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture.

## **Series Review**

We are continuing in our Advent series this week. It is a time to prepare our hearts and help us place our focus on a far greater story than our own—the story of God's redeeming love for our world. We will be stepping in and out of various Christmas scenes from Scripture. We will attempt to rediscover Christmas and the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

## **Review the Message**

**2020 has been marked by a lack of peace in every segment of life.**

Q. On a scale of 1-10, where would you rate your level of peace today?

### **Read Luke 2.8-9**

Q. Why is it so great that Jesus' birth was shared with the shepherds?

Q. What is your understanding of angels? Do you think you would be scared of angels just appearing?

### **Read Luke 2.10-14**

Q. Why do we not have to fear being close to God?

Q. Three titles are given for Jesus. What do they mean and why do they matter?

**In Genesis 3 sin entered the world and shattered peace in 3 ways.**

**Peace between people and God.**

Q. Share how sin has affected your peace with God.

Q. How, or who, can fix this peace?

**Peace between people.**

Q. Share how sin has affected your peace with others.

Q. How has your peace with others changed since becoming a Christian?

**Peace between people and creation.**

Q. How are we experiencing this now? Also see Rom 8.22

**The angels were there to announce that God has an answer to all the mess. God is working to restore and repair. The peace that God offers comes through this Jesus, the Savior, the Christ, the Lord.**

**Read Luke 2.15-20**

Q. When have you responded like the shepherds?

Q. Share a time when you treasured something from your childrens past.

**Advent points us to the gift of God that brings peace.**

**We live in the “already and the not yet” Jesus didn’t come to get in on your, or my agenda. He came to take over.**

### **Living It Out Application**

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

### **Prayer:**

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?