

THE WEEKLY

New Life Small Group Guide

For groups meeting

December 1-7, 2019

Whatever Happened to Baby

Jesus? #1- Friend of Sinners

All campuses

WELCOME (15 minutes)

- **Ice Breaker:** How early or late do you like to decorate for Christmas?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- Sing "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Shane & Shane AND "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" by Phil Wickham. The lyrics are on the back of this page.

WIN (15 minutes)

- Our featured series: ***"Whatever happened to Baby Jesus?"*** is the perfect time to bring someone to a Sunday celebration who may not know Jesus as their Savior!
- **Pray for people by name** you may want to ask to come with you!

WORD (25 minutes)

The baby in the manger grew up to become the Friend of sinners! Have everyone open their Bible or device to **Luke 7:36-50** and have someone read it aloud.

1. Putting yourself in the place of the woman in this story, when in your life have you most felt like an outsider who didn't belong? How much can you relate to this woman's ability to be herself regardless of how she appeared to others?
2. Who in your life has played the role of Simon, questioning your value? Who has played the role of Jesus, believing in and sticking up for you?
3. What does Jesus see in this woman that Simon didn't? How does the way Jesus sees you impact your ability to step out of your comfort zone especially in ways that honor Him?
4. What is the most loving thing you have ever done for Jesus?
5. In our day, Christians are portrayed more like Simon (judgmental, condemning, etc.) than like Jesus (loving, forgiving, valuing, etc.) Do you agree? What can we do about that? What can YOU do to be more accurately like Jesus this week?

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break into smaller groups of **2 or 3's of the same gender** to pray for each other.

O Come All Ye Faithful
Shane & Shane

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of
angels

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, glory in the highest

O come let us adore Him, O come let us
adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

True God of true God, light from light eternal
Lo, He shuns not the virgin's womb
Son of the Father, begotten not created

Child for us sinners, poor and in the manger
We would embrace Thee with love and awe
Who would not love Thee, loving us so
dearly

O come let us adore Him, O come let us
adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy
morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore Him, O come let us
adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Phil Wickham

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled

Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest Heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the Heaven born Prince of peace
Hail the son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings

Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King