THE WEEKLY

New Life Small Group Guide

For groups meeting
December 15-21, 2019

Whatever Happened to Baby Jesus? #3

Gahanna campus

WELCOME (15 minutes)

• **Ice Breaker**: As a child, what was your favorite pet? How did it respond when it heard your voice?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

• Sing "O Come Let Us Adore Him" by Hillsong Worship AND "Joy to the World" by Phil Wickham. The lyrics are conveniently located on the back.

WIN (15 minutes)

• Who are you inviting in hopes they'll come to next Sunday's celebration or the Christmas Eve service? Pray for these people by name that their hearts will be open!

WORD (25 minutes)

- 1. Have someone read John 10:1-5. While his sheep should know the voice of the Good Shepherd, Jesus here talks about someone coming into the sheep pen who doesn't belong and about sheep running from a stranger's voice. What is He getting at here? Are there other voices calling to you besides that of Jesus these days?
- 2. Have someone read John 10:7-10. Jesus again contrasts Himself with "the thief." Are there ways that the enemy is trying to kill, steal, and destroy in your life right now? How might Jesus want to reverse that so you can live life "to the full?"
- 3. Have someone read John 10:11-13. Jesus calls out the difference between Himself as the Good Shepherd who will give His life for His sheep and a hired hand who is only working the job for money. What's at the heart of the difference between the two?
- 4. Pastor Joe talked about five ways Jesus wants to be your shepherd: as your Provider, your Protector, your Pastor or Guide, your Pursuer, and your Proxy or Substitute? Which one of those resonates most with you right now? Is there an area where you need to allow Jesus to play one of these roles in your life.
- 5. In what ways are you hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd in your life right now? In what ways would you like to be hearing His voice?

WORKS (25 minutes)

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

"O Come Let Us Adore Him" Hillsong Worship

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

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

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Oh come, all ye faithful Come let us adore Him Oh come, all ye faithful Come let us adore Him

Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation Sing all ye citizens Of heaven above Glory to God All 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

REPEAT 1

2

Oh sing hallelujah Come let us adore Him Oh sing hallelujah Come let us adore Him

Yes 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

REPEAT 1 REPEAT 2 REPEAT 1

"Joy to the World" Phil Wickham

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing

We will sing sing sing Joy to the world We will sing sing sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

We will sing sing sing Joy to the world We will sing sing sing

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

(We will sing sing sing)
We're singing we're singing
Joy to the world
We will sing sing sing

Joyful joyful we adore Thee God of glory Lord of love Oh Lord of love Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above

Joy to the world
(Joyful joyful we adore Thee)
We adore You God
(God of glory Lord of love)
There's no one like You
No one like You God
(Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee)
Opening to the sun above