



What the Earth says about this King

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

There is something remarkable about the arrival of a baby. Without saying a word, a baby can soften a room, shift an atmosphere, and draw people in. Voices quieten, hearts melt, and priorities rearrange themselves, simply because new life has appeared.

As Christmas approaches, we turn our attention to a baby whose arrival didn't just change a household or a moment, it changed **heaven and earth**.

When Jesus entered the world, angels rejoiced, stars moved into place, and people responded in ways that revealed the deepest parts of their hearts.

Which leaves us with the questions....

What does the earth say about this King?

And more importantly: What does my heart say about Him?

- How does the idea of Jesus coming as a baby shape your understanding of God?
- When you think about Jesus' birth, what emotions or responses rise in you?

INTO THE WORD

Scripture gives us five windows into the human heart—five distinct responses to the birth of King Jesus.

Elizabeth – Joy (Luke 1:41–45)

The moment Mary greeted her, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and joy overflowed from her. She hadn't yet seen Jesus, but His presence, even in the womb, drew worship from her spirit. Jesus brings joy that runs deep, joyful confidence in God's promises.

The Shepherds – Urgency (Luke 2:8–20)

Socially insignificant, unpolished, and unprepared yet the first to hear heaven's birth announcement. When the angels proclaimed the Messiah's arrival, they didn't hesitate. They ran. Their urgency shows us what happens when the presence of Jesus is truly recognised. His presence is worth dropping everything for.

Simeon – Peace (Luke 2:25–32)

After a lifetime of waiting, one moment with Jesus satisfied Simeon's heart completely. Holding the infant Messiah, he declared that he could now die in peace. Jesus brings a peace that fulfils every longing.

The Magi – Worship (Matthew 2:1–2,11)

These scholars travelled far, not to receive, but to give. They offered their best gifts and bowed before Him. Their actions reveal that Jesus is worthy of honour from every nation, background, and story.

Herod – Threat (Matthew 2:3,16)

Not everyone welcomed the true King. Herod saw Jesus as a threat to his power, responding with fear and hostility. Jesus' kingship always confronts our desire for control.

- Which of the five responses challenges or inspires you most?
- Where do you see your own heart reflected in these responses?

GOING DEEPER

Jesus didn't come to be a side character. He came to be King—Lord of joy, peace, worship, and our whole lives. His birth invites us to surrender, to respond, and to recognise that nothing compares to Him.

- What area of your life needs to come under Jesus' kingship?
- What step of worship, surrender, or trust is Jesus inviting you into?

PRAY TOGETHER

Jesus, our true King, thank You for entering our world with humility and glory. Help our hearts respond like Elizabeth, with joy. Like the shepherds, with an urgency to be in Your presence. Like Simeon, with peace. Like the Magi, with worship. And if there's any Herod in us, Lord take back the throne again. Remove anything in us that resists You. Teach us to surrender fully, trusting that You are worthy and good. Be our King. Be my King. Amen.