



Sentence

Combining faith and film to help everyone see and believe in the true meaning of Christmas.



Story

Share some of the details of your family Christmas traditions.

"We always travel to..."
"Every Christmas Eve we..."
"We read the Christmas story..."



Set-Up

Micah 5

Dating back to the Old Testament, God gives His people promises of the salvation that is to come for them through the Messiah (*Jesus Christ*). Today, we live in the truth of the promised Savior that God sent for us.

Read [Micah 5:2-4](#)

When did you last feel a strong sense of belonging?



Search

Read [Luke 2:4-12](#)



Verses 4-5

What was the prophetic importance of David and Bethlehem?

What does the lineage and legacy of David mean for Joseph's sense of belonging?

With whom do you find your belonging?



Verses 6-7

When Mary and Joseph started the journey to Bethlehem, Mary was already far along in her pregnancy. Not to mention, they were under the heavy-handed Roman regime.

What obstacles do you think they had to overcome?

What does the humility of Jesus' birth indicate about Him?



Verses 8-9

God sent the news of Jesus' birth to groups of people.

Had you been among the group of shepherds, how would you have reacted?

Why would it be important for groups to come witness the birth of Christ?



Verses 10-12

What good news and great joy can you share with others?

Why does God find it so important to connect groups of strangers?

How does community bring glory to God?



Solution

1. How will you make your world a place of belonging?

Ask Holy Spirit for an increased measure of faith

Seek ways to love the unloved (*i.e. less fortunate, widows, orphans, etc.*)

Lead a small group

Accept the belonging Jesus offers me

Other: _____

Read **Luke 19:9-10**

2. How will you increase your own sense of belonging?

- Build and grow in a circle that points me toward Jesus
- Seek out what the Bible says about my identity in regular devotional or Bible reading plane
- Regularly attend group
- Memorize **Luke 19:9-10**
- Other: _____



Send Out

Break into groups of 2-3 (*same gender if a coed group*), discuss ways you can make the church a place of belonging. Plan to connect with each other in-person, call, or text this week.

Pray together.