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C O N S P I R A C Y

Real Worship

Luke 1-3

The central theme of the Advent Conspiracy is that Jesus is worshipped in such a way that His followers experience the power of Christ coming into the world. This powerful story brings with it the promise of transformation in His followers as they celebrate His birth with faithfulness and integrity. People being led in this journey will not be competing with the consumerist impulses of our culture but instead be aligning themselves with Christ, thereby worshipping Him in a holistic way.

As a group, read the narrative of Christ's birth in Luke chapters one and two. What stands out to you?

How do the following people respond to encountering Jesus and His birth?

➤ Elizabeth & John (in the womb no less!) Luke 1:41-42

➤ The Angels Luke 2:13-14

➤ The Shepherds Luke 2:20

➤ Simeon Luke 2:28-32

➤ Anna Luke 2:38

The consistent theme in the birth narrative in Luke is that whenever Jesus is encountered He is worshipped, God is praised and people are amazed. The reality of what is taking place is simply amazing – it should take our breath away. It should move us. How sad that we have become so comfortable with the Christmas story that for many of us, our response is very different than the characters in Luke. How sad that many of us become far more excited about the gifts that we receive from each other than the gift that God gave of Himself.

Take some time in reflection and prayer as a group. Repent and rejoice in the reality of Christ coming to earth.

Read Luke 2:19 and 2:51. Mary's response, to ponder and treasure 'these things', stands as a great example.

Response. How can you, as individuals, and as a community, make worship of Christ a priority and reality this Christmas? What can you *do*? What will you *do*? How will you ponder and treasure Christ this Christmas, in such way that He receives first priority and importance?