

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Make Room - Week 2



CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

What common images come to mind when you think about the Christmas story? How is the story of the first Christmas portrayed in song lyrics or in culture today?

Why do you think we've "sanitized" the story of Mary and Joseph? Is it easy or difficult to think of the more realistic, messy story? Why?

In what ways does Christmas magnify things that are good in your life? In what ways does it magnify things that are more challenging or messy?

What does it mean that God magnifies things that are hard or that hurt in order to make room for what's messy in your life?

BIBLE

Read Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 2:1-7. What do you notice?

PRAY

God of grace, make room in our hearts this advent. Help us to create space in our lives to welcome you and others in. In your son's name, Amen.

