

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Scripture: Luke 2:15-21



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

When the Holy Spirit regenerates our hearts through the preaching of the gospel, we are moved to proclaim and meditate on the good news, worship our merciful God, and obey His authoritative word.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Summarize the events of chapters 1 and 2 so far. What immediately preceded this week's passage of Scripture?
- How did the shepherds respond to the host of angels' announcement of good news (verses 15-18, 20)?
- What prompted their excitement, especially considering their initial fear?
- What was Mary's response? Do you take time to meditate on the gospel daily? If not, what hinders you? What response does the gospel elicit within your heart and mind?
- To whom is the Holy Spirit guiding you to proclaim the good news? Briefly state the gospel in your own words, as you would share it with others.
- What does verse 21 reveal about Mary and Joseph? What was the significance of circumcision to the Jewish people? What does the name *Jesus* mean?