

The Rescue Begins: "The LORD is Born"
Luke 2:1-35

I. Born in humility. (Luke 2:1-7)

Luke 9:57-58 - "As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'"

Luke 10:17-20 - "The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'"

II. Born for the outcasts. (Luke 2:8-20)

III. Born for the healing of the nations. (Luke 2:22-35)

Revelation 22:1-5 - "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, **the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the **Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.**"

Faith Sheet for Friends and Family this Week

1. What do the humble circumstances of Jesus' birth teach us about God's authority, power and His great compassion for His world? Hebrews 2:10
2. Key word this week - "Humility" – Confidence in God and not self. Discuss what godly humility might look and how it could impact others at home, work, and in our daily lives.
3. What is the significance of God revealing the news of Jesus' birth to shepherds first? Then read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. Who might your family or C group lovingly adopt? What challenges do you foresee? What excites you about it?
4. Discuss how spiritual, emotional and relational healing is accomplished in the Christian life here and in eternity? Then read the following: Proverbs 4:20-22, 7:22, Jeremiah 17:14, Isaiah 41:10, John 14:27, 3 John 1:2, James 5:16-17, 1 Peter 2:24, and Revelation 21:4. Pray for God's wholeness.