

## How Personal is Christmas to You?

Christmas 2017  
– Luke 2:1-14 –

### 1. The Story

*“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
He is Christ the Lord.” (vs. 11)*

### 2. The Message

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those  
with whom He is pleased.” (vs. 14)*

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*“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.”  
I John 4:16*

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#### Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Why do you think Luke included the details of 2:1-5?
3. Our story includes the angelic announcement to a group of shepherds about the birth of Jesus. What stands out to you the most about this?
4. Why would the shepherds drop everything to go find this baby? Is the draw still as real today? Why?
5. Jesus went from a throne to a manger. How does that single act demonstrate how much God loves each of us?
6. Look again at I John 4:16-18. Which truth from these verses (or their context) is most important to you and why?
7. Share why you either *Agree* or *Disagree* with the following: *Love and fear are not compatible. They cannot coexist.*
8. According to this passage in I John, what *completes* (or *perfects*) God's love in a person? Why?

