



**The Coming King: The Arrival of the King**

**Sunday, December 20th, 2015**

The story of Jesus' arrival is so much more than the facts you read in the Gospels. In Luke, we can see that God is orchestrating something behind the scenes. God is doing something spiritual.

Read **Luke 2:1-7** together as a group.

*As a group, spend time laying out all of the details found in this small passage?*

There are two ways to see things in the world. There is both a natural and spiritual explanation for everything that is happening in our lives.

*Which of these explanations are easiest for you to see?*

*Take time to list the differences and similarities between the two perspectives.*

We heard the quote from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a physical experience."

*Why is it so easy for us to forget this truth in the everyday parts of our lives?*

If these two realities are true, then it means that we are to be people that **remember in all circumstances that God works in unseen and unexpected ways.**

*Share a time where you've seen God work in your life in completely unexpected ways.*

*How can we cultivate a holy suspicion of God's presence, always seeking his purpose and explanation for the events of our life?*

Reread **Luke 2:1-7** together as a closing prayer. Thanking God for the ways he continues to **work through the details of this Christmas story to illuminate His place in our lives.**