

SDG Discussion Guide

All is Well: The Christmas Quiz

To begin:

Do you have any Advent or Christmas traditions you observe, anything at all, and if so, what is one that you can share?

Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group now in your reading and discussion.

- 1. Read aloud Luke 2: 8-20; Matthew 2:1-12. What stands out to you in the texts? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise as you ponder these now?
- 2. What three titles are given to Jesus in Luke 2 verse 11? What is significant about them?
- 3. God appeared to Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds when they were just being themselves. What can that imply about what it means to be "spiritual"?
- 4. How has God spoken to you in the ordinary flow of life?
- 5. What special event has God done that you "treasure in your heart"?
- 6. Was there an "angel" who first told you about Jesus? Elaborate.
- 7. What effect has the news of Christ's birth had on you? Spiritual commitment? An awakened sense of joy? Hope for the future? Thankfulness for God's forgiveness? Confusion about God's plan? All, some, or a mixture of these?

As we prepare ourselves for the arrival of hope this Advent, what is one promise you hope will be fulfilled? Spend some time in prayer in your group.

Merry Christmas, Everybody!

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).