



# SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

## PART 1: O HOLY NIGHT

November 28, 2021

### —TEACHING NOTES—

LUKE 2:6-9a & 13a, *While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them... Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God...*

#### A. FOCUS LYRIC: "A Thrill of Hope, A Weary World Rejoices"

- Question: Do you have any hope? Or are you just \_\_\_\_\_?
- "Totally without hope one cannot live. To live without hope is to cease to live. Hell is hopelessness. It is no accident that above the entrance to Dante's hell is the inscription: 'Leave behind all hope, you who enter here.'" (Jürgen Moltmann)
- If our hope is in \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ else other than Jesus, we are hopeless.

#### B. How does hope get to the world?

- Hope gets to the world \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Colossians 1:27, *Christ in you, the hope of glory.*
- Matthew 5:14, *"You are the light (hope) of the world."*
- Question: Who are the people in your life who are \_\_\_\_\_ for hope?
- Let hope be our \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.



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### → DISCUSSION ←

#### Read & Discuss

Read through the main scripture(s) from the lesson and the Teaching Notes on the back.

Scripture(s): Luke 2:7-15

1. What stood out to you from the scripture or the lesson?
2. What do these scriptures tell us about God?
3. What do they tell us about people?

### → GOING DEEPER ←

#### Reflect

1. In the song O Holy Night it says, "A thrill of hope, a weary world rejoices." What does that phrase mean to you? Do you think that phrase has less or more meaning for those who don't believe in Jesus? Why or why not?
2. How did you see **God** work last week?
3. How is the **Spirit** calling you to be obedient to what you read this week?
4. Who is on your heart to share **Jesus** with this week?

#### Pray

1. What can you thank God for?
2. What can you ask God to help with?
3. How can God help you be obedient to His word this week?

### → CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION ←

MONDAY  
1 Peter 1:13

TUESDAY  
Isaiah 40:31

WEDNESDAY  
Ephesians 1:18

THURSDAY  
Hebrews 10:23

FRIDAY  
Psalm 33:18-22