

Prophets & Angels Proclaiming

December 4, 2011

Inclusive:

- Take some time to worship the Lord together through music and/or testimonials of how He has shown His love and care for you this week.
- **Ice Breaker:** What special Christmas traditions did your family keep when you were a kid? What tradition do you practice now?

Intentional:

Read *Luke 1:1-20* together

- What does this story say about God's control despite the political climate and closed doors?
- How does Jesus' birth here tie into Micah 5:2-5?
- Of all the people the angels could have visited, why did God send them to the shepherds?
- How does Mary respond to all of this?
- When did God last take a situation that appeared hopeless to you and use it to accomplish His higher purposes? Explain.
- God appeared to Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds when they were just going about their lives, being themselves. What does this that imply about being "spiritual"? How has God spoken to you in the ordinary flow of life?
- How can you be more open to encountering God in your life?

Influential:

- Other people didn't hear the angels. Why?
- The joy and peace announced that first Christmas was sent "to all people." What can you do this week to make sure others hear the good news you have heard about?