

“An Inconvenient Journey” Group Guide

Series: The Journey of Christmas

Passage: Luke 2:1-7

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ICEBREAKER: Share about one of your favorite Christmas movies and why it is meaningful to you.



Learning His Way: *Discovering the Way of Jesus*

1. Read Luke 2:1-7 out loud together. What words or phrases stand out to you? What questions do you have?
2. Did anything happen this year that was not on according to your plans? Describe your emotional journey as you came to terms with whatever it was. How has God revealed Himself, His character, and/or His plans during this journey?
3. How does Jesus's teaching in Luke 20:25 to “render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's” challenge or encourage your engagement with politics in America? How is God calling you to obedience regarding your actions or attitudes within our political landscape?



Forming His Heart: *How is God shaping my character and helping me to grow?*

4. God's reign, though hidden, is never threatened. Do you believe this? In what areas of your life is this hardest to believe?
5. Are there areas of your life where you are tempted to fight **for** God rather than actively trust He will arrive on His own terms? Are you currently primarily fighting on God's behalf, or are you finding yourself prayerfully anticipating His eventual solution? Throughout your life, describe what this back-and-forth need for control and active trust has taught you.



Joining His Mission: *What is God calling me/us to do?*

6. What does your journey through uncertain times look like for you today? What can you actively do to walk this journey with renewed trust?

7. If you were to regularly and genuinely pray the “*Rest Easy Prayer*” (“Jesus, I recognize you’re reigning already — even if I don’t see it yet!”), how would that impact your day-to-day life?



Closing Prayer:

Go around your group and invite each person to pray through declaring the “*Rest Easy Prayer*”: “Jesus, I recognize you’re reigning already in (state an area of your life) — even if I don’t see it yet.”

For further practice this week:

Spend some time this week, quietly before the Lord, asking Him to reveal where you are trying to take matters into your own hands. Consider taking the following steps:

1. Commit this matter to God.
2. Share your commitment with a close friend.
3. Pray each day for God to reveal where you are attempting to control your circumstances and ask for strength to remain relinquished to Him.