



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Life Group Discussion Guide

Message: "Rudolph"

Sermon Series: Christmas at the Movies

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Message Notes

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. **Matthew 1:18-19 (NLT)**

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." **Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)**

"No, you are imitating your real father." They replied, "We aren't illegitimate children! God himself is our true Father." **John 8:41 (NLT)**

Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. **Mark 6:3 (NLT)**

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **Luke 2:8-11 (NLT)**



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Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” **Luke 2:13-14 (NLT)**

ALL THE PEOPLE – MEANS ALL THE MISFITS!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.” **Luke 4:18-19 (NLT)**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” **Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)**

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” **John 8:12 (NLT)**

When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor – sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” **Mark 2:17 (NLT)**



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Four Questions

LEARN: *What am I learning? What am I curious about? What questions do I have?*

LIVE: *What thoughts/habits/desires do I need to adopt or surrender
so I can experience the abundant life Jesus gives?*



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LOVE: *How will this empower me to love God (with all my heart, soul, mind and strength),
love myself (as Jesus loves me), and love my neighbor (as I love myself)?*

LEAD: *How is God calling me to lead people into
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?*