



Questions for further study

8th December 2024

The Presence of Light

Leaders: You may like to share communion together at the end of your study time, so make sure you have bread and wine/juice available.

1. Read Luke 1:26-38. After 400 years of silence, how do you think the Jewish people were feeling about God and his promises? Keeping this silence in mind, examine each sentence from the angel Gabriel. What is God saying to both Mary and the wider world?
2. Read Luke 2:8-20. What was the reaction of the shepherds to the angels? How did encountering Jesus change them? Think back to your conversion. What changes happened in your life at that moment? How have you continued to change since then?
3. Read Matt 2:10-11. Despite his silence, God had already laid the foundations for this visit. (see Dan 2:48) How does this encourage you?
4. The Magi fell face down in reverence and submission. How often do we do this, either physically or in our hearts? What places or occurrences generated this response in you? (*Perhaps encourage those who are able to try praying in this position at home to find out what difference it makes.*)
5. In Jesus we find the infinite and the intimate coming together. What practical measures can you put in place to stay close to Jesus in the busyness of Christmas?
6. Enjoy fellowship with each other and God by sharing communion together.