

Luke 2:1-21

Title: Prepare Him Room

Main Idea: Amidst the busyness of the holidays, let's make room for Jesus Christ.

### Notes for Life Groups and Personal Reflection

#### I. 'Tis the Season

A. The holiday season can become less than joyful.

1. How are you doing this holiday season?
2. What things are crowding out your joy?

B. Culture can influence the Christmas Story.

1. How has your perception of the Christmas story been influenced by culture?
2. What misconceptions have you had about the Christmas Story?
3. How has the Christmas Story become significant to you?

#### II. The real Christmas Story

A. A few corrections to consider.

1. Joseph and Mary likely stayed with relatives.
2. Homes in those days had two parts: one for people and one for animals.
3. Notice the unmentioned crowd that was present (Luke 2:18).

B. Some quotes mentioned in the sermon:

1. "'This day' connects to the yesterday of God's promises and Old Testament prophecies, which are now being fulfilled."—David Garland
2. "This note of fulfillment is struck throughout (the New Testament), yet not so much one note as a harmony of notes."—F.F. Bruce
3. In light of the significance of Jesus' birth, what promises or prophecies give you hope?

#### III. Prepare Him Room

A. A few suggestions for preparing room for Jesus:

1. Slow down. (cd. Psalm 40:1)
2. Look up. (cd. Psalm 123:1)
3. Pour out. (cd. Psalm 62:8)
4. Take in. (cd. Psalm 119:103)
5. Rejoice and Sing. (cd. Psalm 5:11)