

**The Joy—and Grief—of the Messiah’s Birth**  
**Gathering Groups Discussion Questions:**

**Ice Breaker:** What is a Christmas tradition you enjoy?

**Question #1:**

- What is one thing that you find especially crucial from this sermon?
- How does this point help you walk out your faith?

**Question #2:**

- How have you been hindered by the myth that Christians are supposed to be happy all of the time?
- How does this impact your ability to follow Christ?

**Question #3:**

- Why is it important to be honest about our grief?
- How can lament help with this?

**Question #4:**

- Why is it important to walk with others as we grieve?
- How can we support each other right now?