



Counter Narrative: The Savior | December 20, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

The Christmas story is a narrative many of us are used to telling, however, when we usually tell it, we tell it from our own perspective. The best part of the Christmas story is that it isn't for just one group of people. The Christmas story—the story of the Savior—is for both insiders and outsiders.

Key Verses

Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Discussion

We often view the world through a lens that divides people into different camps. From sports rivalries to nationalities to religion—we tend separate the world into us vs. them.

1. What is your favorite sports rivalry?
2. What are some other areas of your life that you view as us vs. them?

The prevailing narrative of the world is one that embraces an us vs. them mentality in search of comfort or control. We often only see things the way that we wish to see them and this leads us to label people as either insiders or outsiders. The Christmas story goes beyond our preferences and the polarizing nature of us vs. them.

3. What are some things in your life that you may only see in the way you wish to see them?
4. What are some things you can do to alter your perception?

Jesus entered the world to tell a different story than the prevailing narrative. He was born into a world divided to bring hope and reconciliation for all people, both insiders and outsiders...even the people who didn't believe in Him. The Christmas story is one that we ourselves could and would not write because we struggle to see the world from any other perspective than our own. God wrote a story for ALL.

5. What are some ways that you could change in order to live out the message of the Christmas story in your own life?
6. What impact does the counter narrative of the Christmas story have in your everyday life?

What's Next?

This week be encouraged, whether you feel like you are an insider or an outsider, Jesus came into this world for all. Look for ways to better understand those who are not like you. When you interact with others, be intentional to show them that Jesus came for them not just you.