

FOREFRONT SMALL GROUP STUDY

The King of heaven showed up... and there was no room.

In Luke 2, Jesus—the Savior of the world—is born not in a palace but in a stable, because there wasn't space for Him in the inn. It wasn't open rebellion that closed the door that night—it was routine. The innkeeper wasn't angry or hateful. He was just full.

That's a haunting image of modern life. We fill our calendars, our minds, and our hearts until there's no margin left for the very One who came to bring peace. John 1:14 tells us that "The Word became flesh and made His dwellina among us."Literally, He moved into the neighborhood. God with us.

But here's the tension: just because Jesus shows up doesn't mean we show Him in. Advent isn't about doing more—it's about making room. So here's the question this season: Have you made room for Jesus—or just squeezed Him in between shopping, scrolling, and stress?

DAILY WALK / NEXT STEP:

This week, slow down. Light a candle, say a prayer, or sit quietly with no agenda but to be with God. Create space—literal and spiritual—for Jesus to dwell with you. Because the King has come near, and He's still asking the same question: "Is there room?"

GROUP STUDY:

- 1. Read Luke 2:1–7 and John 1:14 together.
- 2. What stands out to you about the way Jesus entered the world? What do these passages reveal about God's heart and approach to humanity?
- 3. No Room at the Inn: The innkeeper wasn't hostile—just busy. Where might "busyness" or distraction be keeping you from recognizing God's presence in your daily life?
- 4. Making Room: What does it practically look like to make room for Jesus in your routines, relationships, and rest during this Advent season?
- 5. God With Us: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." How does it change your view of God to know that He didn't stay distant but came close—into our mess and ordinary lives?
- 6. The Danger of Routine: Sometimes it's not sin but sameness that keeps us from encountering God. What rhythms or habits might need to shift to make space for His voice?
- 7. Welcoming the King: If Jesus showed up on your doorstep today, what would "making room" for Him look like? What parts of your life might need rearranging to truly welcome Him in?
- 8. Advent Intention: Advent means "arrival." How can you prepare your heart and home for Jesus' arrival this Christmas season—not just symbolically, but practically?

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