**Missing Christmas – Disobedience**

**“Over the course of my life, I have learned some important lessons about God's power. For one, you don't need divine power if you are not obeying what God said. It doesn't take a miracle to live in disobedience!” Henry Blackaby**

**Mary**

***Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7***

**Joseph**

***Matt 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-7, Matt 2:13-15***

**The Shepherds**

***Luke 2:8-20***

**Simeon**

***Luke 2:21-35***

**Anna**

***Luke 2:36-38***

**The Magi**

***Matt 2:1-12***

**Take Aways**

1. **Following God and Listening to Holy Spirit’s Voice.**
2. **Obedience is a Marathon not a sprint!**

**“We live in a world where we assume that if something can be done at all, it can be done quickly and efficiently. It is not difficult in such a world to get someone interested in the message of the gospel; it is terrifically difficult to sustain the interest.” Eugene Peterson**

1. **Discipleship is for all**

**“We should also note in Luke 1 and 2 how God uses a wide range of people and a vast array of social backgrounds to testify to Jesus: people in a rural setting and people in a city, male and female, a young betrothed couple and a pair of senior citizen saints – all share in the joy of His coming. Jesus comes for all humanity to unite all humanity.” Darrell L. Bock**

**Got Questions? Text 519-893-2951 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

1. Share about your last couple weeks as you catch up with one another?
2. Spend some time sharing with the group how God has been at work in your life this week.
3. What are some things that make it hard for you live a life of obedience? Why do these things get in the way?
4. What was something that stood out to you in the message this week or something you learned or had a hard time with?
5. In the message we talked about how the characters from the Christmas story heard God’s voice and obeyed. How do you hear God’s voice in your life? What makes it hard to hear God’s voice?
6. Read John 15:9-17 together.
7. Is there anything in these passages that stands out to you?
8. Is there anything you would like to discuss that you saw in these passages? Did they raise any questions?
9. What is the most challenging part of these passages for you?
10. What do these passages reveal to us about God?
11. What does this passage teach us about how we are to relate to others as followers of Jesus? What does this look like practically?
12. Which take away most resonated with you this week? What was it that stood out to you? What is something you can practically do to live that out this week?
13. Spend some time praying for one another to close your time.