

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

Community and Connection  
Luke 2:1-20, Matt 2:1-11

The Story of Christmas Luke 2:1-20, Matt 2:1-11

Christmas brings people together. For better or worse.

Sometimes it's hard and awkward. It can feel like a duty not a joy.

Sometimes it's remembrance of loss, regret, pain

Sometimes it's happiness of a refreshed friendship

Sometimes it's good tidings of great joy

God wants us in community. He wants us to connect to each other. Ps 68:6

He wants us to connect to Him. That's the byproduct of worship.

He sacrificed a great deal for us to be connected to Him and each other.  
Heb 10:19-25

The "star" to lead people to Jesus is always there, but He doesn't force anyone to follow

Sometimes He's more direct like He was with the shepherds

Once we get close and join community there is a danger

people will begin to see us for who we really are John 2:23-25

we're petty, we're selfish, we're weak Matt 26:55-56

We'll discover things we don't like and will want to cancel Him and bail John  
6:66-71

He is strong, He is kind, He is a gift John 3:16-21

Correction is hard and uncomfortable, but it is for our benefit Hebrews  
12:11

We can be better than we are when we're together, but it takes work  
Jesus came as a baby: vulnerable, hungry, in the dark.

Yet He brought what we all desperately need: Safety, Sustenance, Light.

He gives all that to us so we can give it to others. Matt 25:44-45