

## Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for December 13, 2020:  
*Christmas: It's All Good - Great Joy*



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS  
Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
  - When was a recent time you experienced Great Joy? Why does it seem easier for children to experience joy?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,  
“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

**Luke 2:8-14**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- How has God personally comforted and provided for you in the past, and how can those stories provide reasons for you to rejoice in the midst of your disappointments today?
- Take note of the relationship between joy, hope, and trust. What do you think can happen to someone’s joy when their hope is placed in their own desired outcomes instead of in the faithful character of God? Consider concrete examples from your own life.
- Read Isaiah 51:1-16 - Make a list of what God did in the past and what he promises to do in the future for Israel. How do you think these things could give Israel reason to rejoice?

- **SERVE** *others*

Sometimes it is hard for people to trust God’s character when they don’t see his character reflected in the lives of believers. How can you be faithful to a promise you have made this week?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**