

Out of the Ordinary

Why Christmas? Part Luke 2:1-7

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- **Q**. What is your experience with God?
- Q. What unique ways have you seen God move in your life?

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How God made Christmas special and changed the world.

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Isaiah 11:1-3 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

- 1. What was the last unexpected difficulty you encountered? How did you handle it?
- 2. Can you see God's plan and purpose developed in your life? What moments, circumstances, challenges or joys are incorporated into this plan?
- 3. Is there any room for Jesus in your life today? What places in your life can Jesus live?
- 4. Do you still picture Jesus as a baby in a manger—or is Jesus your Lord?
- 5. How does this story of history and salvation change your understanding of Christmas?