

**CTK Community Group Sermon Discussion Questions & Announcements**  
**Week of 12/20/20**

Please take a few moments to share these announcements with members of your community group and take some time to pray for the life of the church. Thank you!

**Sermon Discussion Questions | [Luke 2:1-21](#)**

1. What do you hear when you read this text? Is it possible to hear it afresh, setting aside the nostalgia?
2. What are some reasons that Luke includes historical details in vv. 1-7?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' birth, in poverty and obscurity, in a borrowed feed-trough?
4. Why do you suppose God chose to announce the birth of Jesus first to an "unreliable" group of shepherds?
5. The shepherds were initially filled with great fear – why? How is it both a deep challenge and a source of hope and joy for us that Jesus was announced – by an army of angels – as Savior and Lord?
6. Pray for the church, that we would be ruled more and more by Christ our King.

**Transition Updates:**

A critical part of the transition process is prayerfully considering the history, mission, and vision for the church. Following a series of interviews, surveys, and interactions with a sample of the CTK congregation, including some staff, officers, and a variety of members, McGowan and Associates have compiled an assessment and a list of recommendations for CTK to consider as a congregation. **The elders would invite the congregation to read these assessments and recommendations, as well as provide their feedback in a survey**, all of which can be found at [ctkcambridge.org/assessment](http://ctkcambridge.org/assessment). This information is also linked on the Transition web page, found on the CTK website under "About". This survey will be open and accepting responses through December.

**Announcements:**

**The deacons are partnering with the Cambridge Community Center in a diaper drive for families served by the CCC.** If you would like to participate, you can drop off donations at the church building until December 24th, or make a monetary donation to the [CTK Special Giving](#) fund — all donations to that fund before the 24th will be ear-marked for this CCC drive. Visit [ctkcambridge.org/ccc](http://ctkcambridge.org/ccc), or please contact [deacons@ctkcambridge.org](mailto:deacons@ctkcambridge.org) with any questions or to arrange a drop off donation.

Join us on **Christmas Eve for a Lessons & Carols service held online**. While this service will be different than years past, one tradition we will be maintaining is the lighting of candles for the last two songs of the service. There will be candles available at the church for those who attend in person on Sundays to pick up; **or, you can sign up for a candle at [ctkcambridge.org/candles](http://ctkcambridge.org/candles).**