

**LifeGroup Questions – To Be Continued #2**  
**Luke 1:30-38, Matthew 2:1-4**

1. Dan talked about the fact that stories capture our heart and shape our worldview and ultimately disciples us. These overarching stories are sometimes called meta-narratives. What story most competes with the Kingdom of God story in your life?
  
2. Another way to ask the same question is what is your little-k? In what area are you most apt to try to expand your boundaries and protect your kingdom?
  
3. What do you think Jesus meant in Matthew 6:33 when he said, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.” (You might have to read a bit more to get the context.)
  
4. Dan talked a bit about the tension/battle that first Christmas between the kingdoms and the KINGDOM. Read Luke 1:46-56. This is called “Mary’s Song.” How do you think her words fit with or even help to define this tension?
  
5. Read Matthew 2:1-4. Herod was disturbed with the news of the birth of Christ. Dan said, “If Christmas doesn’t disturb us, maybe we’ve missed the point.” And quoted C.S. Lewis, “it is a dangerous thing to draw near to Jesus.” How might those thoughts, that picture shape our Christmas in a good way?
  
6. Read Matthew 13:44. What makes it difficult for us to believe that the Kingdom of God is this kind of treasure? What is the most compelling thing to you about the Kingdom of God? How do you describe it to others?
  
7. Read Luke 1:30-38. What is it about this scene between Mary and the angel that grabs you, convicts you, challenges you, or encourages you the most?

8. If surrender is the door knob to the kingdom of heaven, what do you need to do to dive in? Where is the point of surrender for you? Where is God calling you to lean in?