

*Traditions*

*When it's all about Jesus*

*December 10-11, 2011*

## *Simplicity*

<sup>3</sup> But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11:3 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

<sup>3</sup> All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.

<sup>4</sup> And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. <sup>5</sup> He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. <sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. Luke 2:1-7 (NLT)

- **Commit to journey in \_\_\_\_\_ for you.**

<sup>10</sup> And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. 1 Corinthians 10:10-11 (NLT)

- **Do the best with \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>1</sup> Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? <sup>2</sup> Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. Philippians 2:1-4 (NLT)

- **Serve others.**

16 "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16 (NASB)

2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.  
2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)

### **Life Group Discussion**

- Which words best describe your life right now: "complicated," "busy," "simple," "peaceful," or something else. Why do you say that?
- Read the Luke 2:1-7 passage. Where is the Holy Spirit prompting you in your spiritual journey now?
- What might adopting a spirit of simplicity look like in your life?