



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. A promise is “a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen”. How important is it that people keep their promises? Have you ever experienced someone not doing what they promised you they would do? How did that make you feel?
2. Christmas is the biggest promise God ever made and He kept it! How does God keeping that promise encourage you when thinking about other things He promised you?
3. Read the Luke verses. What is happening in this story? What did Jesus do in this story?
4. Jesus intentionally goes after the overwhelmed and broken and it doesn’t matter how many issues you have (the man in the story had a legion of issues - Luke 8:30!). He will not get overwhelmed by you or your circumstance! If you are feeling overwhelmed right now, the group will pause to pray for you. (Pray for the overwhelmed in the group).
5. Jesus transforms us into a new person (Luke 8:35). How does Jesus do this for people?
6. Have you had that intimate personal moment with Jesus—where you felt transformed?
7. You have a unique purpose: He crafted you to carry out a unique purpose and mission in life – what the New Testament calls your “good works” (Eph. 2:10). What do you think part of your purpose is?
8. All things were created by Him. Read the John verses. They speak of God being the source of all light and life; and they speak of His dunamis (strength, power, and ability). What are some adjectives you would personally use to describe God based on what you have experienced of Him? Then, given a reason you used two of those adjectives.

You are a promise to the world that God kept. Lean into this today!

Series:

***Manger Things; Making the Manger the Main Thing***  
**“Promise Made, Promise Kept”**  
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### Main Idea

**A “promise” is “a declaration or assurance that one will do a particular thing or that a particular thing will happen”. God is faithful to keep His promises.**

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

**Read aloud:**

**Luke 8:26-39**

**Ephesians 2:10**

**John 1: 1-4**

### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

**Mon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thu:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.*