

Persona/Group Training Guide
Week of 12/2/18

THE SIMPLICITY OF CHRISTMAS

“City of Hope”

- (1) Describe an example when someone brought hope into your life.
- (2) Read Romans 15:12-13. What hope do we have in Jesus?
- (3) What significance do you find in the fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which was a small, insignificant town?
- (4) Read Luke 1:26–38. Name 2-3 key points that you take from this passage.
- (5) Where do you find hope in this passage?
- (6) Read verse 38 again. Describe Mary’s response. What personal characteristics does she exhibit in her response?
- (7) Read 1 Peter 1:3-4. What is our hope and where does it come from? What does the phrase “living hope” mean?
- (8) The point was made in the sermon that God causes amazing things to happen in obscure places through ordinary people. How does the Christmas story affirm that? What other examples are there in Scripture of God working through ordinary people?
- (9) What can you do to bring hope to where you are this Christmas? How can the place where you live become a “city of Hope”?