

Talk Amongst Yourselfs Questions

NATIVITY ON THE SQUARE

1. There is a lot of debate these days over what is appropriate and culturally sensitive around the Christmas Season. What is your opinion? Is it Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas? And why?
2. To Christians, the Christmas season is when God became man and joined into the drama of human existence. What would it mean or does it mean to you that God became just like you?
3. The Angel, the Shepherd and the King are all trying to discern the meaning of the manger scene based on what is being discussed around them during the busy season. If they were to sit and observe you the few weeks prior to Christmas, what would they say your Christmas is all about?
4. What was the best and most meaningful Christmas gift you ever received?
5. The King, the Angel and the Shepherd all had to relinquish something meaningful to their identity in order to be able to help the Bag Lady. Have you ever had to sacrifice something very important to your identity in order to serve others?
6. The Busker who is singing ties a musical narrative together, embracing the Biblical narrative of Christ's birth. What is your favourite Christmas carol and why?
7. Discuss the irony of Christmas truly being about a humble couple and their child being born into poverty and the fact that Christmas has become about gifts and spending.
8. If the characters in the Christmas story are archetypes, what role do you relate most with this Christmas...the Innkeeper whose business is too busy and too full but finds space to participate in a very small way? Joseph, the father who needs desperately to provide and is only able to provide the bare essentials? Mary, the mother who takes time in the midst of a crazy season to ponder and take in the wonder of life in? The Angels, full of hope and joy who are loud and emphatic in their engagement with Christmas? The Shepherds, poor and struggling to make their living, the lowliest who get a chance to participate in something wonderful and are grateful? The Kings who come with dedication, intent on bringing their gifts?
9. "Peace on Earth and mercy mild..." these are carol lyrics and the sentiment of Peace on Earth is a common phrase used at Christmas. Do you believe that Peace on Earth is possible? Why or why not?
10. What is something meaningful you traditional do or are planning to do this Christmas season?