



# #RAISEYOURVOICE

## Discussion Guide for “Bethlehem People”

### *Raise Your Voice Week 4*

It’s hardest for us to speak up in the circles that know us best. But those circles – our families, our co-workers, our friends and neighbors – are where we have the most influence. So how can we find the confidence to live out God’s calling among the people who know us best? We find the answer in a little town called Bethlehem...

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Micah 5:2-5a](#)

[Psalm 80:1-7](#)

[Luke 1:39-55](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is Psalm 80:1-7.

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Where do you find it hardest to raise your voice? Which group of people is that with?
2. How did people think about Bethlehem in Jesus’ day? Why would it be hard to believe the Messiah could come from a town like Bethlehem?
3. What’s the significance of God choosing Bethlehem (rather than Rome or Jerusalem)?
4. Where is your Bethlehem? Where has God placed you that you feel small, insignificant or unqualified?
5. How is God calling you to raise your voice as we move into the Christmas season?