



**January 4, 2024**

**Social Time**

**Thanks to those who brought Treats!**

**Music – Led by Marla Amborn**

- ELW 296 *What Child is This?*
- ELW 300 *The First Noel*
- ELW 638 *Blessed Assurance*

**Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List**

**Opening Prayer**

**A Piercing Word – written by Kris Linner**

- Scripture Reading – John 19:1-28 – Sharon Smith
- Character – Mary, Jesus' Mother – Kris Linner

**Discussion**

- What would be the crowning joy for you in your old age, comparable to Simeon?
- Have you had a child who was lost, even for a little while? What was that experience like?
- As a mother, have you had an experience of recognizing potential in your child that gave you hints of their future? Please describe.
- What do you think it would have been like to be the mother of Jesus?
- If Mary knew all the ways her heart would be “pierced” do you think she would have agreed to become the mother of Jesus? Why or why not?
- Of all the women we've studied over these last few months, which impacted you most? Why?

**Questions for the Author**

- What prompted you, Kris, to write this series?
- How did you get into the mindset of the characters?
- What was the hardest part of writing these monologues?
- What was most inspiring?
- What have you learned about the women whose stories you portrayed by writing them?
- Questions from the group

**Bible Study Business**

**Birthdays**

**Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer**