

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How is the Biblical account different from the traditions concerning the shepherds?
2. Why is shepherding connected to God's relationship with His people?
3. How is the Gospel explained in the angel's message?
4. What is the significance of God's glory appearing?
5. How should we be more like the shepherds?
6. How should we be more like Mary?

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Answers to fill in the blanks:
1) ABEL 2) MOSES, DAVID 3) THE LORD 4) GOOD 5) PASTOR 6) UNCLEAN
7) TEMPLE SACRIFICES 8) ORDINARY PEOPLE 9) STAR, TEMPLE 10) PROVIDER, PROMISED,
PRESENCE 11) UNPRECEDENTED 12) GRACE 13) ACTION 14) GLORY 15) THOUGHT DEEPLY
16) HEARTS OF JOY 17) ORDINARY 18) READY MADE 19) PRAISE 20) THINK, ACT

Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

THE SHEPHERDS: UNLIKELY WITNESSES LUKE 2:8-20

SHEPHERDS IN THE BIBLE

- 1) The first shepherd in the Bible was _____ (Gen. 4:2)
- 2) The two most famous shepherds in the Bible are _____ and _____.
(Ex. 3:1 and 2 Sam. 16:11)
- 3) David wrote “_____ is my shepherd.” (Ps. 23:1)
- 4) Jesus called himself the _____ shepherd. (Jn. 10:11)
- 5) In the New Testament, the Greek word for “shepherd” is also translated _____ when referring to church leaders.
- 6) In Jesus' day, shepherds were considered _____ and at the bottom of the social ladder.

THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT

LUKE 2:8-9 (CSB)

⁸In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

- 7) There is evidence that sheep kept here were for _____.
- 8) Why the shepherds? They were _____.

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9) An angel appeared not a _____, also God's glory appeared for the first time since it left the _____.

LUKE 2:10-12 (CSB)

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people: ¹¹Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

10) The good news (Gospel) is summarized in 3 titles of Jesus:

Savior - Jesus is the _____ of salvation.

Messiah - Jesus is the _____ One from David.

Lord - Jesus is the _____ of God among us.

LUKE 2:13-14 (CSB)

¹³Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!

11) The appearance of so many angels at once is _____ in Scripture.

12) The peace of salvation is by God's _____!

LUKE 2:15-16 (CSB)

¹⁵When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger.

13) Their belief was evidenced by their _____.

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LUKE 2:17-18 (CSB)

¹⁷After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

14) The best spokesman for God is the one who has encountered God's _____.

LUKE 2:19-20 (CSB)

¹⁹But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.

15) Mary was more than amazed, she _____ about what God was doing.

16) The shepherds went back to their old jobs, but with new _____!

WHAT'S THE POINT?

17) God wants _____ people to spread the good news, and that includes us!

18) The real stories of Christmas are _____ opportunities for us to tell others about the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

19) Real faith results in real _____!

20) We need to _____ like Mary did, and _____ like the shepherds did, since we only believe in what we actually do something about.