

## ***Giving Glory to God***

**Pastor's message:** Luke 2:8-20. Giving glory to God.

**Message Notes:**

### **Wednesday**

**Read Luke 2:13-15** *The heavenly host*

#### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *This word for peace means "wholeness." How might the world look if our goal was wholeness on earth?*
2. *"Let's go see." Is there someone you'd like to invite to come and see with you? Pray for them. Invite them.*

**Prayer Focus** Gracious God, we join the multitude today, saying thank you for preparing a way to find peace and wholeness. Help us to be not just a part of the song, but part of the fulfillment of your promise to the world.

### **Thursday**

**Read Luke 2:16-19** *What the shepherds found*

#### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *The shepherds chose to obey and follow the angel's instructions. How would you obey God this week?*
2. *Join Mary in pondering all that had been said and done regarding her child. How do we see the child now that we know the full truth of his story?*

**Prayer Focus** We have arrived at the birthplace, God, and we are filled with wonder at the sight of angels and stars and praising multitudes. We treasure the words and signs you sent then and are sending now. We will live to share them with others.

### **Friday**

**Read Luke 2:20** *The shepherds spread the news*

#### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *This wasn't just a personal revelation for the shepherds alone. How did you first hear the news? Give thanks.*
2. *The shepherds praised the one who brought this wonder to the world. How will you share the news in the coming year?*

**Prayer Focus** It's Christmastime at last. We're eager to begin a new story of how you're still coming, Jesus, of how you are still here with us, and how we will live in you, now and always.

## Small Group Format

### Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What is your prayer for the coming calendar year?*

### Opening Prayer

### Song (optional)

### Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Luke 2:8-20**

- Discuss observations about the text
  - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
  - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

*Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)*

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

### Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

### Pray for each other

### Refreshments (optional)



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### Monday

**Read** Luke 2:8-9 *The angel appears*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *The shepherds were unimportant in their world. What did it mean that the news came first to them?*
2. *Who might the angel come to in our world today? Would anyone listen to these people afterward?*

**Prayer Focus** Thank you for coming to the ones in the fields first, the poor ones first. Once again, shake us up with the news of the Savior born that night.

### Tuesday

**Read** Luke 2:10-12 *The angel's message*

**Questions for Reflection and Application**

1. *How was the angel's message different from any other prophecy?*
2. *What fills your heart with great joy when you hear this story?*

**Prayer Focus** We are reassured that we can stand before you, without fear, God. That we can both listen and speak with our Creator. Thank you for sending a child to teach us. Thank you for choosing to be in relationship with us.