

The Shepherds: Hope and Joy Discussion Questions

Luke 2:8-20

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1. Which of the misconceptions or myths did you believe were true? Did you do some research on it? If so, what did you find out? Why is it important for us to have the facts straight about His birth?
2. Considering what the reputation of the shepherds were like at the time Jesus was born, why did God pick them to announce the birth and give the responsibility of passing on the news? What did you find interesting about God choosing the shepherds?
3. Read John 10:11 and John 1:29. How can Jesus be the Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world?
4. Are you as attentive to your job as the shepherds were? In what way? Do you use your job as a place to spread the gospel?
5. What about God brings you to your knees?
6. Read Luke 5:4-9. What made Peter say I am a sinful man? What makes you say you are a sinful person? What are you doing that makes you want to say, "Get away from me, Lord?"
7. Read Hebrews 13:5. What promise is found here? Do you believe this promise? Will anything you do cause God to leave you? What should we do about our sins?
8. What do you think the shepherds thought when they heard the message was for all people, including them after being concerned unclean, unable to go to the temple, and ostracized? How do you think they felt that God choose to give the message to them instead of someone else in better standing according to the world? What does this mean for us today?
9. Have you allowed the word of God to work in you? Do you apply to your life and put into practice the things you have learned from God's word?
10. Why didn't God be more specific with telling them where Jesus was, why did they have to search for Him? Did you have to search to find Him before asking Him to be your Savior?
11. The shepherd shared the news with everyone they could, who have you shared the news with this week?
12. How has having a relationship with Jesus changed you?
13. What do you have to praise God for today?