

December 18, 2022

Christmas With Us

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Passage: Luke 2:8-14

[8](#)And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9](#)And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. [10](#)And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11](#)For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12](#)And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” [13](#)And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [14](#)“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Background

As we prepare for Christmas, Pastor David will point our attention to the GLORY of God through the birth announcement. As we reflect on this passage again, we will see that when the GLORY of God shows up, we cannot help but praise Him and tell others – just like the shepherds.

Sermon Notes

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Instructions

Since we believe we are BETTER TOGETHER, this discussion guide serves as a conversation guide with your small group. The “Belong” section offers an ‘ice-breaker’ or reflection question to start your time together. In the “Believe” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Our hope is to have meaningful conversations around God’s Word, not simply answer all the questions. Finally, the “Become” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life and to pray for one another.

Belong

- What is your favorite Christmas memory? Why?

Believe

- What stood out to you the most about this week’s message? What statement was most meaningful and why? What other biblical truths of Scripture complement the message? What prompted questions in your own mind? What challenged you? What brought hope? What do you believe is the main “take away” from the message for your own life? How could you apply these truths to your life now?
- **Read Luke 2:8-14.** What do you think it means for the glory of the Lord to shine around the angel (vs. 8-9)? Why would this cause fear for the shepherds? What happened in verse 13? Why do you think a multitude of angels arrived “praising God?” What does the declaration “glory to God in the highest” mean? What does it mean for our lives today? In what ways can we “glorify” God today?
- **Read Luke 2:15-20.** How did the shepherds react once the angels left? How did others respond to their message? How did Mary react? What should this teach us about encountering the “glory of God? How *should* we respond when we encounter the “glory” of God? What are some ways we “glorify” other people/things in place of God? What are the dangers? How can we proactively align our hearts to make the most of each day to praise God and share with others what He has done? Who do you know that needs to hear this message of hope?

Become

- What is one specific way you can try to point an unbelieving neighbor, co-worker, or friend to see the “gloriousness” of Jesus’ birth this week?
- **PRAYER POINTS:** How can we pray specifically for one another this week? Pray for opportunities and boldness to invite friends, co-workers, and neighbors to the Christmas service at FBCO. Pray the Holy Spirit will guide you and empower you to share the Gospel with someone this week.