



GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

- **What is the best news you've ever received? Share a story.**
- **When asked if you want the good news or the bad news first, which do you choose? Why?**

CONSIDER

- **What was encouraging or challenging from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?**

CHRIST

Read Luke 2:8-20 as a group.

- Many Bible scholars believe that these shepherds were, most likely, the caretakers of the sheep for the Jewish temple sacrifices. It was from their flocks that the perfect and unblemished lambs would have been chosen to offer as sacrifices for sin. How appropriate that the first people to hear about Jesus' birth were those who guarded the sacrifices He would later replace when His crucifixion and resurrection permanently atoned for sins. **What's significant about God announcing Jesus' birth to some of the lowliest members of society?**
- By letting the shepherds know about the Good News of Jesus' birth and sending them to meet Him, God made it clear that no one was outside His love. **Has there ever been a time when God spoke to you through someone, the Bible, or a circumstance, and you sensed Him saying, "I love you."**
- The angel gave Jesus three titles: Savior, Christ, and Lord. Savior means one who delivers His people from evil/sin. Christ means one appointed or set apart above all else. Lord means one who has both authority and deity. **Which resonates with you? Which do you struggle with? How can you better see Jesus as Savior, Christ, and Lord.**
- The message of the angel's song is that Jesus came as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), so we can all have peace with God. They sing of a peace of mind and soul made possible by a Savior. It is a peace only found in the Lord Jesus Christ, and sets us apart as believers. **How has God brought peace into your life? In the midst of a busy holiday season, where are you in need of peace? How can our group help?**

- The shepherds heard the message, went to see Jesus, and were never the same. Their response was sharing their story and praising God. **What keeps us from embracing the message of Jesus with the same abandonment as the shepherds? How did encountering Christ change your identity?**
- As followers of Jesus, we've been called to be ambassadors who offer the same peace to others that was given to us. **As you think about the people in your life, is there anyone you would love to see experience peace with God during this Christmas season? In addition to prayer, can you think of anything else that might help you nudge them toward the Prince of Peace?**

CALLING

More than any other time of year, people are open to attending church during the Christmas season. In a couple weeks, there will be several Christmas services at Northside. **Is there a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc. that you need to invite to a Christmas service?** Ask your group to pray for them and the opportunity to give an invitation.

Daily Devotions

Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text DEVO to 81212 or use the Study tab in Northside's mobile app for daily devotions.

Memorize

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)

Further Study

- *Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ* by Timothy Keller