

The Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20

1. The _____ Encounter – (vv. 8-10)
2. The _____ Invite – (vv. 11-14)
3. The _____ Response – (v. 15)
4. The _____ Impact – (vv. 16-18)
5. The _____ Change – (vv. 19-20)

To Go

1. How does knowing that God invited the shepherds to the manger give you hope?
2. Read more about His three titles: Savior, Christ, and Lord. How are the titles significant to you?
3. Read the Christmas story (Luke 2) this week individually or as a family. Ask God to show you parts of the story you have missed in the past.
4. Like the shepherds, ask God to powerfully show Himself to you this Christmas season.

At Home Study Guide

Advent Devotional: Preparing Your Heart for Christmas

The Christmas season often catches us unprepared and overwhelmed with all the things we have to do. So much so, that we don't prepare our hearts to worship at Christmas. I often start preparing my heart by listening to Christmas music. In the same way, God has given us songs in the gospel of Luke to accomplish this heart preparation.

The Advent Devotional prepared for you will cover four of those "songs" in the four weeks leading up to Christmas Day. In week one we will consider the song of Mary, as she visits Elizabeth. Week two looks at the song of Zechariah, after the birth of his son John. In week three, we will hear the angels sing as they visit the shepherds in the field. And in week four, we will hear Simeon sing of the Savior, and we will meditate on two of the more familiar Christmas carols.

Devotional booklets are available outside the Worship Center or daily at ICommendJoy.com. The devotionals will cover Monday-Saturday of each week, beginning November 27, along with a devotional for Christmas Eve. Through these brief, daily Scripture meditations, I hope that you will be encouraged towards a greater focus on our Savior this Christmas, so that you are able to sing along with Mary and the angels, "My soul magnifies the Lord! Glory to the newborn King!"

Christmas blessings,
Pastor Craig Johnson