

Series: Fear Not
Sermon: The Shepherds
December 24, 2017

1. Have you been around any babies lately? How did it affect you?
2. Read Luke 2:8-20.
3. If you were in charge of telling the world about Jesus, list the top 5 people/groups of people that you would tell.
4. Share with the group what you know about shepherds in regards to working conditions, family background, education, religious activity and morality.
5. Why do you think God chose to tell the shepherds?
6. One of our biggest fears may be, "If there really is a God, where do I stand with him?" Have you thought this or has there been a time in your life when you thought about this question?"
7. The shepherds may have felt "unworthy, despised, inadequate, insignificant and unloved." Which one of these words/feelings do you struggle with at this time?
8. What do you think Luke 2:11-12 meant to the shepherds? "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"
9. Read Romans 3:21-24. What does it mean to know that you are worthy, desired, valuable, significant and loved?
10. After visiting Jesus, the shepherds "went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard." Who do you know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ this Christmas? What can you do to share the good news with them?