



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

Date: December 15, 2019

### **Luke 2:8-20**

1. What is your favorite Christmas memory? Share some details of that memory with your group. How is a memory from your past more than just an act of mental recall?
2. The story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2 is always read during the Christmas season. Why is it important to remember the same old passages year after year? How can we neglect to give these *normal* passages the attention they deserve?
3. The angels declared that the birth of Jesus would be good news of great joy for all people. The gospel is universal in its invitation. How is it also personal and why is that personal aspect important?
4. Read Luke 2:8-11. The shepherds were filled with fear and awe for good reason. The experience of angels in the night sky was unexpected and the news they shared was incredible. What is incredible about the gospel? Do we present it as awesome or mundane?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7. How did Paul use concrete terms to explain the gospel? How can we be specific in our gospel presentation so that others might be saved?
6. Discuss among yourselves what the shepherds did to deserve a visit from God's angels. How was God's visit to the angels an act of grace? Why is it sometimes difficult to view salvation as a gift and not as something that you have earned?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Luke 2:17-18. Talk about how the shepherds responded after they met Jesus. Who do you need to tell about your encounter with Jesus?