



## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

### **12.7.25 Message | Tyler Myers | Luke 2:8-15**

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

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## **LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)**

### **→ Share Life**

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What has been causing you stress lately?
- Who in your community needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

### **→ Follow Up From Last Time**

- Retell what we discussed in our previous gathering.
- What actions did you take in response?
- Did you share anything from our last study with someone else? How did they respond?

## **LOOK UP – Scripture & Discovery (~60%)**

### **→ Read (twice, in different translations)**

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

### **→ Retell**

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

## Key Scripture (ESV)

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. 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. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”*

- Luke 2:8-15

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## MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- God intentionally announced Jesus’s birth to shepherds—socially dismissed, spiritually shamed and considered unworthy—to prove the Messiah came for *all* people.
  - The shepherds battled deep internal wounds: the pain of being unwanted, unclean, and unseen by society—and believed the lie that God felt the same.
  - Jesus brings peace within because he makes peace between—peace between us and God, and peace within our own hearts.
  - The angels’ message confronted the lie of unworthiness with a declaration of worth: “For you... yes, even you.”
  - The arrival of Jesus begins the healing of the deepest wounds—he is the perfect Lamb who makes us clean, wanted, loved and restored.
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## CONVERSATION STARTER

If you had been a shepherd on the night of Jesus’s birth, what part of the scene do you think would have surprised you the most?

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## DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

## **THINK DEEPER** (Does your group understand the passage?)

1. The shepherds carried deep internal wounds from being socially dismissed. Where do you feel the sting of being overlooked or undervalued today, and how does it shape the way you see yourself?
  2. The religious leaders told the shepherds they were unclean and that was the reason the Messiah hadn't come. What lies about your worth or spiritual standing do you find easiest to believe—and why?
  3. The angels' announcement—"for all the people"—reveals God's heart for the overlooked. How does this challenge the way you view others whom society pushes to the margins?
  4. Jesus brings peace within because he makes peace between. What would inner peace look like for you in this season, and what "battle within" is Jesus inviting you to lay down?
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## **LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)**

### **→ Inside Me**

- According to this sermon, what am I doing well in keeping Christ at the center of my life?
- What needs to change so that Jesus—not my preferences—remains the center?

### **→ Who Else?**

- Who in my life needs to hear about Jesus as the true center of all things?
- How can I share this truth or invite them to explore it with me this week?

### **→ Pray Together**

- Pray for a clear vision to see Jesus as central in all things.
- Pray for strength to resist false "gospels" that compete for our allegiance.
- Pray for courage to share Christ's supremacy with others and live as his witnesses.