



Sermon Discussion Guide

12.21.25 Message | Tyler Myers | Luke 2:8-18

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.

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." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

- Luke 2:8-18

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- The shepherds became the first evangelists — he came; they went.
 - The angelic message prepared them to share: "good news... for all the people."
 - The pattern of Scripture is consistent: his coming inspires going — from the shepherds to the apostles to the early church.
 - Love is expressed horizontally by going to people with the message of Jesus.
 - Our call today is the same: he came; we go to those near us and to the ends of the earth.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

What's the most memorable piece of good news someone has ever shared with you?

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 didn't need training — only wonder and obedience. What keeps you from sharing the good news as simply and boldly as they did?
 2. The sermon emphasized "he came; we go." Where do you see this pattern most clearly in Scripture, and where do you see it lacking in your own life or in the wider Church?
 3. Luke highlights that the message is "for all the people." Who in your life feels unlikely, overlooked, or far from God — yet is part of that "all"?
 4. The shepherds went first to the people nearest them. What would it look like for you to "go" to the people nearest you with intentional love this week?
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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.