

Christmas Contributions

Week 2 12/9/18

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"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."

Luke 2:8-18 (NIV84)

Part One: The Shepherds

1. I _____. (vv. 11-12)

2. E _____. (vv. 15-16)

3. P _____. (v. 17-18)

Part Two: Us

1. Invitation.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV84)

"Come follow me."

Matthew 4:19a (NLT)

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV84)

2. Expedition.

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV84)

"...set your sights on the realities of heaven... Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth."

Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)

3. Proclamation.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations..."

Matthew 28:19a (NLT)

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV84)

My Christmas Actions: _____
