

Week of December 25 - Peace On Earth - Small Group Lesson Special Lesson

Connect

If you unexpectedly found out you inherited great wealth, would you tell people right away, or would you disclose it at a certain time? Is there a difference when you would for your family, co-workers, friends, or church? How would you phrase it?

Verses - Luke 2:8-20 (CSB)

8 In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: 11 Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.” 13 Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!

15 When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. 17 After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.

Study

1. What are the emotions that are attached to the news to be proclaimed? What caused them and what did they say? Why do you think the hosts of heaven reacted this way?

2. What details are given about the Savior and what significance do they have? Why are these prophecies important for Him to fulfill? (Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14)

☕ **DISCUSS 1:** Why is Jesus Christ's humanity important and part of the details? (Hebrews 2:14–18; Philippians 2:5–8; 1 Peter 2:21)

🏃 **APPLY 1:** How does Jesus' humanity influence you? How does it affect your outlook on life and how you treat others, as His follower?

3. According to v.11, Jesus is described as a savior. What else is He described as? Why is this detail important?

☕ **DISCUSS 2:** Christ is described as both the King of King and Lord of Lords. How does this connect to both his humanity and divinity? (Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:16) Why do you think this appears at the end of the Bible?

🏃 **APPLY 2:** Which is easier to share Jesus as to non-believers: Savior or Lord? Which one do you think people more easily believe? Why is it important to share both when you share about Jesus?

Share

While Christmas is likely not Jesus' actual birthday, how has Christmas Day impacted your life through the years?

Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

- Pray the Lord will put someone in your path to share the real meaning of Christmas.
- Pray for your Small Group to have faith alone that leads to joy.