

love hope peace joy

Christmas Joy?

Luke 2:8-20

The Story:

The angelic announcement comes to shepherds' fields.

Finding the baby brings out awe and worship.

The Message:

- 1) Hope at Christmas is for all.
- 2) Receive the Savior and experience peace.
- 3) Christmas joy is connected to Jesus.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. God chose to announce the birth of Jesus to the lowly shepherds. He chose the place of his birth with farm animals. What does this show us about our God?
2. Examine the passage of John 1:11-12. What is the hope and the warning here? Have you truly received the salvation given through Jesus.
3. What gives you joy this Christmas? What distracts you from meditating on the miracle of the incarnation?
4. What does this story teach us about “witnessing?” Who is God prompting you to share your faith with this Christmas?

Memory Verse

“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. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’”

Luke 2:10-12