

*Advent*  
THE SAVIOR IS BORN

**Luke 2:8-20**  
**Pastor Lance Ainsworth**

## MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, December 1  
Sunday, December 4

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Advent: The Savior is Born!

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Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite Christmas gift of all time?

Read out loud: Luke 2:8-20

#1. Do you relate with the shepherds? Do you feel like an ordinary person performing a mundane task in obscurity? Why do you think God chose to reveal himself to shepherds first?

#2. Fear of God can take many forms. For the shepherds they were fearful of death and punishment of their sin. In the 21 st Century we are fearful of not having control, fear of rejection, fear of the future, or fear of failure. How do you deal with fear in your life?

#3. The Angel tells the shepherds to behold the good news of great joy. Behold means to perceive, to contemplate and see what God is doing. What effect does beholding do in the face of fear? When you behold the goodness and kindness of God what do you think about?

#4 How can we celebrate Christmas this year? What can you do to keep Jesus at the focal point of Christmas this year? What can we do this year to make a lasting impact on those around us? Who do you know that needs hope, peace, joy, and good news? How can you share that with them?

Family Time: Read Luke 2:8-20. Research together what it means to be a shepherd. Discuss together what it means when Jesus says he is the Good Shepherd in John 10.