

# Gathering INSIGHTS

## Big Idea

The Shepherds made room for Jesus by adjusting their schedules to be witnesses and messengers of the Good News through praise.

## Bible Discussion

### Read Luke 2:8–14

Why do you think God sent the angels to the Shepherds? Why didn't he send them others who were more respectable or religious?

### Read Luke 2:15–20

What do you think the Shepherds believe they will gain by making room in their schedule to go find baby Jesus? Are you surprised by the response in finding Jesus?

### Read Romans 10:15-17

Why do you think Paul calls those who are messengers of the Good News- "Beautiful"? How does it inspire you to carry the Good News to others?

## Capstone Lab

This week or maybe next try and find a quiet spot to simply sit and listen. You may not hear a choir of angels, but you may hear the still small voice of the Lord. Listen to what you hear and write down. Have the courage of the Shepherd to move forward as directed.

## Life Application

What do you think is thing that takes up most of your time during the Christmas season? How does that compare to your time with Jesus and your Gospel Community?

The Shepherds were witnesses of something bigger than themselves. Has there been a time where you have made room for Jesus in your room and found yourself being a witness of something great for the Lord?

Why do you believe that so many people are open to the Good News during Christmas? How can you be a Messenger this Christmas?

The angels Rejoiced as they announced the birth of the new born King. The Shepherd praised the Lord as they left the stable. How will rejoice and sing praises this Christmas for the coming Immanuel, God with us?

## Making Room Quotes

*"Jesus had a healthy rhythm of life, but He didn't have a strict schedule. He engaged, and disengaged. He poured out and filled up."*

**Laura Crosby**

*"I have so many things to do today, I dare not give up my time with God."* **Martin Luther**

Go! You are sent as missionaries where you work, learn, live and play.