



With Us
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“Invitation to Receive Good News”
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Key Verses: Luke 2:1-15

Key Thought: The humble birth of a Savior may have happened long ago, but it is also a reality for us now.

Points to Consider:

- V.1-7: Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, the city of David, was the fulfillment of prophecy. The humble circumstances of His birth in which there was found to be no room for His expectant mother in the inn was symbolic of His lifelong mission to seek entry into the overcrowded hearts of mankind. Phil 2:5-8 also reminds us that His humble entry into the world was intentional so that we might form a relationship with Him, our Savior and King.
- V.8-9: The lowly shepherds were the first to receive the news of the Saviors’ birth. It seems fitting that the shepherds charged with caring for the lambs used for temple sacrifice were the first ones to be invited to see the Lamb of God.
- V.10-12: The angels announced the good news of great joy – the birth of a Savior for all. A Savior is defined as one who saves us from grave danger. The “good news” was the arrival of the one whose death, burial, resurrection, and witness would offer all people salvation.
- V.13-15: God, in His sovereignty, provided angels to offer the traditional music played in celebration of a birth. The shepherds were impressed by the invitation they had witnessed and eagerly made their way to Bethlehem to see the Christ child.

Discussion Prompts:

- The birth of Jesus, the Light of the World, was announced as the shepherds watched their flocks in the dark of night. Identify dark places in your life that need the Light Jesus brings?
- God chose to fill a humble manger with the divinity of His Son. He desires to fill whatever your manger of humility may be with His divinity. Are you willing to receive Him?
- Celebrate individual stories from your group members of how the good news of our Savior’s birth has brought life transformation and salvation!
- Consider praying for those who have yet to receive God’s invitation.