

Text: Luke 2:8-20

1. What was so special about the shepherds any way?
 - A. Describe the first ever fireworks show
 - B. Angel floating above you, glory of the Lord shown round about them, heavenly host (military) praising God...
 - C. Real warriors are praisers
2. Fear not
 - A. We wouldn't worry about anything if we had angels in the sky telling us to fear not...
 - B. We have God saying it daily in His word...
3. Good tidings of great joy
 - A. Explain heaven has good news for you
 - B. What heaven is working on is going to bring you great joy...
4. For unto you is born this day...
 - A. This just happened, in fact we just left the scene of the birth because we can tell you exactly where it is
 - B. We can tell you what He is wearing and where He is laying
 - C. You are not dreaming... Jesus is close
5. As soon as the angels departed
 - A. Describe the actions of the shepherds
 - B. They dropped everything and said, "Let's go now!"
 - C. This is why they were chosen, they would immediately come
 - D. The reason you are here... He knew you would drop everything for Him
6. They abandoned their sheep for the lamb
 - A. Explain leaving the 99
 - B. We have got to see Him
7. We must go see this thing which IS come to pass
 - A. Describe how that is a statement of absolute faith

- B. Not, "let's go see if it has come to pass"
- C. God said it, so its done
- D. You can't convince people with faith...
- E. Faith cometh by hearing...

8. And they came with haste

- A. They came running
- B. They didn't just come when they could
- C. The revelation made them run...
- D. What are you running towards that you know has already happened in the Spirit?
- E. Im running because I know it has already started without me...

9. He has arrived, where else is there to be?

- A. Nothing matters now, He is onsite
- B. His presence causes my pursuit
- C. I must find Him
- D. Pauls words, O that I might know Him... from a prison cell...
- E. Paul ran to the execution block after converting 2 guards every 15 minutes the night before his death... explain

10. We have nothing else going on

- A. The truth was they were busy but when Jesus is here...
- B. You want to help your commitment to church, remind yourself, Jesus will be there...
- C. Where else is there to go?

11. He knew they would come

- A. Why does He convict you about things and not others? He knows how you will respond
- B. Thank God He is still convicting you, thank God that He is still telling you to let go and come running
- C. He knows you, He knows you know it will be worth it all

12. He knows what you will say about the encounter

- A. Some would leave saying, "yeah it was just a baby in a barn, big deal"
- B. That is why they aren't chosen
- C. The shepherds started preaching everywhere
- D. Nothing like the shepherd praising the King

13. When they were done preaching, they started praising

- A. Here is how you know if you are getting humble, can you praise after you preach?

- B. After God uses you, does He get glory from you?
- C. The shepherds started echoing the heavenly host
- D. My praise is an echo of heavens praises

14. Closing: Join the angels this Christmas and begin to praise Him

- A. For what you have already seen and what you have heard
- B. If the shepherds could preach and praise over a baby and an announcement
- C. What can you praise Him for this Christmas?