

Weekend Message Questions

The Art of Christmas

Week 1, Don't Be Afraid

November 26-27, 2022

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.

DISCUSS:

- What comes to mind when you think of "Advent"?

READ: Luke 2:1-10a, Luke 2:13-18a

- In these passages, shepherds are referenced several times; shepherds are considered to be in the lower class of people in. Did you know this before?
- How did you think of shepherds prior to reading these scriptures?

DISCUSS:

- When the angel came and said "Don't be afraid" it gave the shepherds peace. What is your first reaction when you sense God speaking to you?
 - If you experience fear:
 - When you experience fear, do you run from it, ignore it, disregard it?
 - If you have Spiritual engagement:
 - Do you think you aren't worthy?
 - Do you self condemn?
 - Do you get uncomfortable about how it will change your life?
 - Do you decide to stick to your own plans?
 - If you understand your Spiritual Responsibility:
 - Have you known God is calling you, inviting you, and or expecting something from you?
 - What have you done because of it?

READ: Luke 2:14, Romans 5:1-2

- When we experience fear, God is where we can go for peace. Do you tend to go to God first or do you get stuck in your fear?
- We have peace through Salvation in Christ. Be encouraged to share your story about salvation here and ask others to do the same.

READ: Luke 9:23-25

- What action do you need to take that you know God is laying on your heart?

READ: Luke 2:16-18

- The shepherds heard the angels, had peace, then hurried to find Jesus. What do you take away from their steadfast steps?
- What is your next step after hearing this message and discussing it with your group?

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- Salvation, Action, or Adventure?

Pray to close.

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