

Voices for Christmas: A Shepherd

Questions for Personal or Group Consideration

1. When you have “big news,” how do you go about sharing it with others?
2. Read Luke 2:8-20 and reflect on the role of the shepherds in the Christmas story. What words best describe a shepherd? (i.e., common)
3. Why do you think God made such an important announcement to them? What is the significance of the fact that God revealed the arrival of Jesus to shepherds?
4. As Jews, the shepherds probably knew something of the coming Messiah. What might they have thought about the mixed messages of “Savior,” “Christ” (Messiah) and “in a feeding trough”?
5. How does Luke record the various responses of people in this passage? (There are at least 6 different responses.) What response don’t we see?
6. After seeing Jesus, the shepherds spread the news and glorified God. How do you see these responses in your life today?