

MEETING STARTER

GOOD NEWS HAS TO BE SHARED

Luke 2:8-20

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

What do you suppose the shepherds said to people that "...all the people were amazed at what the shepherds said to them"? (v. 18)

Luke does not indicate that anyone commanded the shepherds to spread the word about the Christ-child. So, what do you suppose motivated them to do so?



What are some things that may make us less enthusiastic than the shepherds to tell others about the Christ-child?

Continue to pray for and invite the unchurched acquaintance you decided last month you would invite to worship with you on Christmas Eve.

Brainstorm one or more ways your committee/team could reach out to or support outreach to your community this Christmas season.

Share your most recent evangelism experience.