

The Shepherds and the Angels - Luke 2:8-20

Topics: Actions, Ambassadors, Angels, Awe, Follow-through, Good News, Instructions, Messiah, Obedience, Praise, Witnessing

Open It

- * 1. What is the most unique birth announcement you've ever seen?
- 2. What do you imagine angels look like?
- 3. If you could sleep out under the stars anywhere in the world, where would you put down your pillow?

Explore It

- 4. At what time and place did the angels appear to the shepherds? (2:8)
- 5. How many angels did the shepherds see at first? (2:9)
- 6. How did the shepherds react when they saw the angel? (2:9)
- 7. To whom did the angel address his good news? (2:10)
- * 8. What message did the angel tell the shepherds? (2:10, 12)
- 9. Who did the angel say the newborn child really was? (2:11)
- * 10. By what symbol or sign were the shepherds supposed to identify the Christ child? (2:12)
- 11. How many angels did the shepherds hear praising God? (2:13)
- * 12. What was the immediate reaction of the shepherds after the angels left? (2:15)
- 13. After finding the Christ child, what did the shepherds do? (2:17-20)
- 14. What kind of reactions did the shepherds get when they told others what had happened that night? (2:18)
- 15. How did Mary respond to the shepherds' visit? (2:19)

Get It

- 16. If you had been with the shepherds on the night Christ was born, what would you have done after the angels left?
- 17. In what ways did the shepherds obey God that night?
- * 18. What should be our response when we discover what God wants us to do?
- 19. What does it mean that Mary "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart"?
- 20. Of what significance is it that the shepherds went back to their flocks?
- * 21. What is the responsibility of those who "discover" the good news about Jesus?
- 22. Who needs to be told about the birth and life of Christ?

Apply It

- 23. In what ways can you renew your enthusiasm for the message of Jesus' birth?
- * 24. How can you glorify and praise God with other Christians this week?