

Opening Question:

In our passage today, the shepherds received a fright when the angels appeared. Can you think of a time when you were surprised like that (not by angels but by anything?) Share your stories of shock and surprise with your group as you begin your time.

Opening Prayer:

Begin your time by inviting God to meet and minister to your group - ask Him to guide your discussion and to lead you into His peace

Getting into God's Word

Did you have any comments or questions from this Sunday's message? Take the time to look through your sermon notes and talk about any questions you had.

Read Luke 2:8-20

1. As you read this passage again, what stands out to you? What might it have been like for the shepherds? Take a look again at their actions? What did this experience motivate them to DO?

2. Look again at the angelic announcement, talk about each component of it (ie good news, of great joy, for all people). As you look at the announcement in smaller chunks, what stands out to you? How does this announcement help you to better understand who Jesus really is?

Read Romans 5:1-11

3. The angels announced peace, and Jesus came and brought us peace - what stands out to you as you read these verses?
4. This passage speaks about rejoicing in trials and difficulties - talk through verses 3-5. When we are in the middle of trials, is this our default perspective? How can we get heaven's perspective in the middle of what we are going through? Do you have a particular challenge that your group can pray with you about?
5. Look at verses 6-11 - what confidence do these verses give you about the work God has done for you? How might you share that message with friends and family this Christmas season?
6. Who are you praying for, that they may come to know Jesus and begin a friendship with Him?

Take a few minutes as a group and pray for these people.

Read Philippians 4:4-9

7. Pastor Nathan talked about the path to peace these verses describe: Worship, tell God what you need, thank Him for what He has done, renew our minds by taking thoughts captive and focusing on the good, true, right, lovely, etc. When you are in the middle of hard times, which of these seems the most difficult to do? How might following this path lead to experiencing God's peace?

In your personal devotional time this week, if a problem or stress comes up, follow this path, journal out each step and invite God to bring you His peace.

Prayer

Pray for one another - pray for any needs your group members have. Pray also for Christmas Eve, that God would draw people to Himself through our celebrating together.

Sermon Notes

Group Listing

Wednesdays:

Leaders: Nathan and Jenn Pollock

Location: The Pollock's House in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

Thursdays:

Leaders: Mark and Carla Werner, Jessica and Andreas Schwitter

Location: CentrePoint Church

Time: 6:30pm

Fridays:

Leaders: John and Ineke Tessari, Gary and Sandy Mize

Location: The Mize's Home in Camrose

Time: 7:00pm

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Personal Reflection and Practice:

Review the Scripture and your sermon notes. Reflect on:

1. What does this passage reveal about God?
2. What does this passage reveal about people?
3. What does this passage reveal about ME?

Take time this week to reflect on the hope that we can have through Christ. As you have opportunity, share that hope with others!