

Long Hollow Christmas

Luke 2:8-18

Week of December 15, 2024

Humble Guide: How can we use the Christmas season to help those around us grow closer to Christ?

Text

Have someone read aloud [Luke 2:8-18](#).

We'll explore Luke 2:8-18 and discuss the amazing night when shepherds heard the news of Jesus' birth directly from angels. This passage challenges us to consider who we prioritize in our lives—a reminder that God often works through the humble and unexpected. As we reflect on the shepherds' immediate faith and obedience, let's think about how we can practice humility and seek God's presence in our own everyday circumstances. How might God be calling us to step out in faith today?

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to truly encounter God? How is this different from just attending a church service?
2. God chose to announce Jesus' birth to shepherds, who were considered lowly in society. What does this reveal about God's character?

Have someone read aloud [1 Samuel 16:7](#).

3. How does God's choice of shepherds in Luke mirror His choice of King David in 1 Samuel, and what does this say about how God values humility and the heart over status?
4. God often takes the obvious and does the opposite. Can you think of other examples in the Bible or your own life where God has worked in unexpected ways?
5. Why do you think pride can often be one of the main things that keeps people coming to Christ?



Application

1. The shepherds responded with immediate obedience when they heard about Jesus' birth. Where in your life do you struggle with delayed obedience to God? What holds you back?
2. Identify one area in your life where you've been delaying obedience to God. Take a concrete step toward obedience this week.

Have someone read aloud [Philippians 2:5-8](#)

3. How does Jesus' humility enhance our understanding of the significance of His birth announcement to the shepherds?
4. Humility is emphasized as crucial for approaching God. What does humility look like in your daily life and faith journey? How can we cultivate more humility?

Prayer

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here is a prompt:

Thank God for His unexpected ways of revealing Himself. Ask for help in cultivating humility, immediate obedience, and openness to encountering Him in fresh ways this Christmas season.

Additional Resources and Information

Commentary on Today's Passage

Click [HERE](#) for a commentary on the historical and literary contexts of today's passage.

