

“THE SHEPHERDS: GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE”

The Characters of Christmas, part 2
A sermon outline based on Luke 2:8-20
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1. Why **shepherds**? (Luke 2:8)
2. Israel had some **famous** shepherds.
(Genesis 13, Exodus 3:1, 1 Samuel 16:11, 17:34, Ezekiel 34, Micah 5:4)
3. God **invited** them into the story. (Luke 2:9)
4. The angel brought **good** news. (Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:10-12, John 3:17)
5. They **praised** God and told everyone. (Luke 2:17-20)

Next steps...

- Thank the Lord that He loves and cares about the rich and the poor, those who succeed and those who fail. Praise Him that He sent Jesus into our world as good news for everyone!
- Think about how God has invited you into His story of rescuing the world from sin. What people and events have been important in your faith journey? Put together your faith story so that you can easily share with others what God has done in your life.
- Focus on one person that God has put in your life that you might influence in a positive way. Pray for them, care about them, share the gospel with them and disciple them in the faith.