

## Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

The Gospel in Song | Luke 2:8-20 – Angels' Song: Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The angels appeared to the shepherds watching their flocks with a tremendous message of peace and hope in our coming savior. "So what?" Doug said as he was preaching this morning. Our response to this news must be shaped by the shepherds' response that night: seek Him, spread the Word, and sing His praises.

1. What was the preface to the angels' great message to the shepherds? (Do not be afraid, this is a great message for everyone) How do those things speak into our context today?
2. Why was a sign given for the shepherds? Why wasn't a chorus of angels enough?
3. The shepherds were terrified...Have you ever experienced a sense of terror before God or his glory?
4. Verse 20 ends with "which were just as they had been told." Many of us have been told a lot about Jesus throughout our lives, think of some things you've heard that were as advertised? Not as advertised?
5. How does the shepherds' response model living out the gospel in our lives today? What can you do this week to live more like the shepherds?
6. The proclamation in the angel's song is simple, what does it say? In many ways, it is the Gospel message, how have you experienced peace from God's favor in your life recently?
7. How does Resurrection lead us to seek Jesus?
8. Do you have a sign in your life that convinces you that Jesus is real?
9. What obstacles may exist in your life that have stopped you from seeking him? (materialism, bitterness, anger)
10. Who is God calling you to? How can you tell them about Jesus?