

December 3, 2017

CHRISTMAS STORIES: SHEPHERDS

I am _____
I am _____
I am _____
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_____ is the awareness of God's _____.

_____ is the reality that God has _____
_____ ON US. Philippians 4:1-10

In response, the shepherds:

- 1.) _____ and _____
- 2.) _____ and _____
- 3.) _____ and _____

We cannot _____, if we do not first _____.

The gift of grace is not merely _____; it is

Luke 4:16-21; John 10:9-11; Romans 6:1-14

I am _____ than I have _____, _____
or _____.

*"In that region there were _____ living in the fields,
keeping watch over their flock by night."* – Luke 2:8

This is for _____. This is " _____ of
_____ for _____ the people."

TALK IT OVER

Why do you think it's common for people to hold on to feelings of being overlooked, forgotten, etc.?

How do you relate – or, describe a time when you could relate – to the status of shepherds in first century being dismissed or lowly?

Read Luke 2:8-12 with the definitions provided in the sermon for joy and grace. With those definitions in mind, what insights do you gain from the angel's message and who it is being delivered to?

In your own words, how would you explain and then expand upon joy and grace? In your own life, how do you see and experience those things?

Read Jesus' words in John 10:9-11. What are some things that have prevented or slowed you from actively engaging with, expressing to others, and ultimately experiencing the fulfilling life made possible through the Jesus (cf. Luke 4:16-21)? After some time of sharing/listening, encourage one another with practical ways to move beyond those obstacles.

What is impactful about the realizing that Luke's account mentions multiple shepherds and that the angel delivers "good news of great joy for all the people"?

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I am OVERLOOKED
I am FORGOTTEN
I am UNLUCKY
I am LONELY
I am UNIMPORTANT

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GRACE is the reality that God has NOT GIVEN UP on
US. Philippians 4:1-10

In response, the shepherds:
1.) GO and SEE 2.) GO and TELL 3.) GO and GIVE

We cannot RESPOND, if we do not first RECEIVE.

The gift of grace is not merely FREE; it is FREEDOM.
Luke 4:16-21; John 10:9-11; Romans 6:1-14

I am MORE than I have FELT, FACED or FEARED.

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