

Road to Bethlehem | A Hillside of Hope

Next Steps Review: Share how you've been intentional this week about simplifying your Christmas season to seek Jesus in the midst of the mess.

This Week's Big Idea: God used the most unlikely to share the good news of Christ's birth.
What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?

Ice Breaker: What puts you in the Christmas spirit?

Scripture: Luke 2|8-15

1. What is one of your favorite stories about a time you were surprised with good news?
2. The angels told the shepherds "the Messiah is here! You'll find him in a stable in a feeding trough..." What do you think it was about the angel's announcement that made the shepherds go to Bethlehem to check it out?
3. Shepherds were an unlikely bunch for the angels to announce to. What can we learn from this passage about God's intentionality that we can apply to our own lives?

Scripture: Luke 2|16-20

4. Share with the group a time when you had an experience that you could hardly keep to yourself. Why were you so excited to share it?
5. In this passage, we can see 3 perspectives regarding the birth of Jesus. Discuss each, and how who the audience was might have affected the way they reacted to the news.
6. What good news is most important for the people you love to hear this Christmas? Share with the group how you will go about sharing that message with them.

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

7. Discuss the "therefore" in this scripture- what is it there for? What do you think the significance is of Jesus having "all authority" when sending out the disciples?
8. We've been given the great commission to evangelize, which means to share the "good news." How would you explain that good news to someone who asked you about Jesus.

Next Steps: Spend time this week reflecting on the reasons we have hope because of Christ's birth, and find someone to intentionally share with the joy you have because of His salvation.

We'll see you in January!