

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, March 21st

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #216 – *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Together in the Word:

1. How do you think you would react, respond, if you suddenly came face to face with an angel and he started talking to you? _____

2. What would your life be like if you were a shepherd (24 hours a day with the sheep)? Food? Clothing? Social interaction? Responsibilities? _____

3. Who would Israelites expect to hear from first of Messiah's birth? Why might God have chosen to send the angels to shepherds? _____

4. Angels are often given the task of being messengers to mankind. What were the messages that the angels gave to the shepherds? Was the angels' message of peace and goodwill toward men for everyone? _____

5. How did the shepherds react when they were given the message from the angels and after they had seen the Christ Child? _____

6. We are supposed to be God's messengers in the world today. Is the message we are to proclaim different than what the angels gave the shepherds and if so in what way? _____

Shepherds and Angels

Luke 2:8-20

Series #8

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Shepherds and Angels."** All questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Did the angels sing to the shepherds when they appeared to them after the birth of Jesus?
2. We know Biblically, that the angels sang at what event?
3. Where is the second place in Scripture where we see angels sing?
4. Bethlehem has always been what kind of country?
5. How far is it from Bethlehem to Jerusalem?
6. Is there evidence or proof that the birth of Christ was in December?
7. It's fine to celebrate Christ's birth as long as the celebration doesn't get what?
8. Were the shepherds looking for this announcement about Christ?
9. It is very common for people to be what in the presence of angels?
10. How did the disciples respond at the transfiguration of Jesus?
11. The angel immediately sought to calm their fears by saying what?
12. Instead of fear, the angel told the shepherds there was reason to what?

13. Many reporters are not merely reporters, they are what?
14. Do you feed your mind on too much “bad news”?
15. What is the city of David?
16. There are only 2 times in the gospels where Jesus is called what?
17. Most people assumed the Messiah would come and do what?
18. Like many people today, the Jewish people in the 1st century assumed that their greatest needs were what?
19. Most of the Jewish people in the 1st century thought they were what?
20. Jesus came to call those who recognize what?
21. Both Messiah and Christ are terms that mean what?
22. What word is a title of deity and sovereignty?
23. God the Son becoming truly and fully human is a profound what?
24. Is it significant that the baby was wrapped in swaddling clothes?
25. In verse 13 we see that God’s heavenly army brought a message of what?
26. Did the birth of Jesus mean peace and goodwill towards all men?
27. Jesus came to offer salvation but men choose what instead?
28. When we place our faith in God’s Son, that results in what?
29. It is almost absolutely certain that Joseph and Mary and the baby were not out in a what?
30. Who were the first missionaries/preachers of the gospel?
31. How did most people view shepherds in 1st century Jewish society?
32. God wants to use ordinary people in extraordinary ways and then what happens?
33. Who is a good example of a gifted person who was submitted to Christ and was used greatly by God?
34. What person marveled/pondered the things that the shepherds shared, the most?
35. What were the shepherds’ response to seeing the Messiah?
36. Would you have a similar response?
37. We have no record of anyone seeing this newborn baby, other than what group?
38. It’s possible that Matthew indicates what about the baby when the wise men from the east show up?
39. Does this story fill you with joy or are you so familiar with it that your familiarity has robbed you of the thrill that ought to be produced in our hearts?