



Shepherds: Where do I stand with God?

Introduction

This Christmas we're learning to fear less. The angels began their visits to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds with the words, "Do not be afraid." God provides peace in the middle of uncertainty. He doesn't ignore your fears. He steps into them.

Pray

Don't forget that if anything significant happens, it's because God moved. Start by asking God to bless this time.

Practice Truth

1. Reread the story of Luke 2:8-11. What stands out at you? What do you notice?
2. Have you ever been scared of God?
3. Last weekend we discussed feeling unworthy, inadequate, and unloved. Have you ever felt these before God?
4. The angel told the shepherds that a savior was born. What does that word, "savior" mean to you today?
5. Last week we heard Dirk say, "Religion focuses more on the external, while Jesus focuses on the internal." Which are you more focused on? Explain.
6. What steps do you need to take to focus less on religion and more on your relationship with Jesus?

Leader's Tip

The first night of the group you should supply the snacks. But on that first night, establish a snack sign-up sheet or schedule.

Do Life Together

Who do you know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus this Christmas? In other words, who is your ONE? The one person God has uniquely placed on your heart that needs the hope of Jesus? What can you do to share Jesus with them?