

Exchanging our Fear for His Peace (Luke 2:8-20)

Open It

What is the most unique birth announcement you've ever seen?

What do you imagine angels look like?

If you could sleep out under the stars anywhere in the world, where would you put down your pillow?

Explore It

At what time and place did the angels appear to the shepherds? (2:8)

How many angels did the shepherds see at first? (2:9)

How did the shepherds react when they saw the angel? (2:9)

To whom did the angel address his good news? (2:10)

What message did the angel tell the shepherds? (2:10, 12)

Who did the angel say the newborn child really was? (2:11)

By what symbol or sign were the shepherds supposed to identify the Christ child? (2:12)

How many angels did the shepherds hear praising God? (2:13)

What was the immediate reaction of the shepherds after the angels left? (2:15)

After finding the Christ child, what did the shepherds do? (2:17-20)

What kind of reactions did the shepherds get when they told others what had happened that night? (2:18)

How did Mary respond to the shepherds' visit? (2:19)

Get It

If you had been with the shepherds on the night Christ was born, what would you have done after the angels left?

In what ways did the shepherds obey God that night?

What should be our response when we discover what God wants us to do?

What does it mean that Mary "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart"?

Of what significance is it that the shepherds went back to their flocks?

What is the responsibility of those who "discover" the good news about Jesus?

Who needs to be told about the birth and life of Christ?

Apply It

In what ways can you renew your enthusiasm for the message of Jesus' birth?

How can you glorify and praise God with other Christians this week?