

Discussion Questions

Surprise!: Message 2 – The Shepherds Tell Their Story Nov. 28, 2021

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, <u>pick the questions that are of most interest to your group</u>. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

- 1. In your opinion, what is good about the "good news" of Jesus?
- 2. What is a challenge you are facing?
- 3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?
- 4. To re-watch the video from Sunday, go to https://skitguys.com/videos/witness-his-majesty-the-shepherds-wife

Read and discuss Luke 2:8-20

- 1. Have someone retell this passage in their own words.
- 2. Why do you think the angels came to shepherds instead of kings, prophets, Pharisees, etc?
- 3. What does this passage reveal about God?
- 4. What does this passage reveal about people?
- 5. Read Romans 10:14-15 (preferably in NLT).
 - 1. Like the shepherds did, spend a little time sharing the good things God has done in your life lately.
 - 2. Is sharing the good and beautiful things about what God is doing what you typically think of when you think of "sharing the good news of Jesus"? Why or why not?
 - 3. Pastor Don mentioned that sharing about Jesus is as much about listening to people's story as it is sharing yours. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 6. Why do you think so many people are scared to share what God has done in their lives?
- 7. Are you hesitant to share your God-story with others? Why?

Application

- 1. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Have each person create an 'I Will' statement)
- 2. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
- 3. How can we as a group bless someone in response to this passage?

Pray Together