

The Responsibility Challenge

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Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life.

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/grow-groups or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON CHRISTMAS BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at **pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons**.

MONDAY // Read Luke 2:8-14

- In what way was the visitation of the angels to the shepherds unique? (Hint: reputation of shepherds)
- What was the purpose of their visit? Be specific. How does this relate to the Gospel?
- What does this highlight about the Gospel and joy this Christmas? How does this help you?

TUESDAY // Read Luke 2:8-14, 15:10, Revelation 19:5-7

- Why were the angels celebrating their message to the shepherds? How did Jesus highlight this same truth?
- In what ways does Revelation 19:5-7 reveal the same truth? How is this all part of the Christmas story?
- As you consider how you became a Christian, how can it help you have a joyful attitude this Christmas?

WEDNESDAY // Read Luke 2:13-14, John 4:21-24

- What does it mean that the angels were "praising" God and giving "glory" to Him?
- In what ways was this an attitude of worship? What does this highlight about the Christmas message?
- Why should a true celebration of Christmas result in worshipping God? How can you apply this today?

THURSDAY // Read Luke 2:15-20

- As you read the account of the shepherds and the birth of Jesus, what emotions do you notice?
- Given this was the first Christmas, what expectations might the shepherds have had about Jesus' birth?
- How did they ultimately respond? (c.f., v. 20) Why? What does this reveal about Christmas expectations?

FRIDAY // Read Luke 2:10-11, 1:26-29

- Why would Mary have been troubled when she got the news of being pregnant with Jesus?
- In what way did the shepherds have a very different response? Why? How did Mary's emotion change?
- As you anticipate celebrating Christmas this year, how might you need to adjust your focus like Mary did?

SATURDAY // Read Luke 2:15-20, 2:25-32

- Use two words to describe how Simeon and the shepherds responded to Jesus. (Christmas)
- How does this line up with your experience at Christmas? Why?
- Given that Christmas is all about Jesus saving us, how will you adjust to keep the "Merry" in your Christmas?

MEDITATION VERSE: ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11