

## Lessons From the Shepherds

**Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.**

### **1. Jesus is the answer to your fears and frustrations.**

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!" **Luke 2:8-11 NLT**

### **2. Often a sign from God comes in the form of a person.**

"And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." **Luke 2:12 NLT**

### **3. Declare war on your difficulties through worship.**

**A great exchange happens: You give God glory and He gives you peace.**

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." **Luke 2:13-14 NLT**

### **4. The choice is yours: The Shepherds had no knowledge yet chose faith.**

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. **Luke 2:15-20 NLT**

**The religious leaders had great knowledge yet chose doubt.**

King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'" **Matthew 2:3-6 NLT**