

ADVENT: JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

Luke 2:8-21

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1. JESUS BRINGS JOY TO ALL WHO RECEIVE HIM (vs. 8-16)
2. AND MAKES EVANGELISTS OF US ALL (vs. 17-21)

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 2:10

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. If shepherds were society's rejects, why is it significant that the angels spoke to them?
2. Why might the shepherds be afraid of seeing angels?
3. Define joy in your own words.
4. What is the best news you have received that made you joyful?
5. Where is the "town of David" and why is it significant? (see Micah 5:2)
6. What is unusual about the sign in vs. 12?
7. Why did the "great company of heavenly host" appear after the announcement?
8. What was the response of the shepherds when they heard the news?
9. How did they respond when they arrived at the manger?
10. How was their obedience rewarded?
11. How did they respond to seeing Jesus?
12. If the joy of the Lord compelled the shepherds to evangelize, how is it moving you?
13. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?