"Where Are The Shepherds Today?"

Luke 2:8-20 **(ref)**

1.The Shepherds Luke 2:8 **(ref)**

~ God's character- Luke 19:10 **(ref)**

~ we are in this story!

~ John 1:12 "receive Him"

2. The Angels Luke 2:9-13 **(ref)**

~ messengers from God

~ 2 Cor 8:9 "He became poor, so you could become rich"

~ 1 Tim 3:11 "God was manifested in the flesh"

~ brining the gap: heaven and earth

3. Jesus Luke 2:12, 16-17 **(ref)**

~ Lamb of God and Good Shepherd

~ Ps 23:1, John 1:29, John 10:11**(refs)**

~ Gal 4:4 "fulness of time"

Four Qualities of The Shepherds

1. Lived By Faith Luke 2:10-11, 15 **(ref)**

~ greatest commodity

~ faith in the gospel provides the means to a new life

~ Rom 1:17 "the just"

~ Rom 12:3 "a measure"; Rom 10:17 "by hearing"

~ John 3:16 a choice "whosoever would believe"

2. Obedient Luke 2:11-12, 15 **(ref)**

~ allows us to flow in the Spirit

~ brings God's approval and blessing

~ Greatest Commandment Luke 10:25-28 **(ref)**

~ New Testament teachings

3. Evangelistic Luke 2:17-18 **(ref)**

~ told everybody!

~ Romans 10:9 "confess the Lord"

~ Mark 5:19 "go home"

~ Mk 16:15 "go and preach"

4. Thankful Luke 2:20 **(ref)**

~ glorifying God

~ praising God

~ 1 Chron 16:34, Eph 5:20, Ps 95:2-3 **(refs)**"give thanks"

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~ faith-obedient-evangelistic-thankful

~ "Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for al the things that they had heard and see as it was told them" Luke 2:20