



PART 3: SHEPHERDS – THE WAY FOR OUTSIDERS

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-16

John 1:29

John 10:11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you have kids, who was the first person you told when you found out you were having a baby? Why?
2. Read Luke 2:8-12. First century shepherds were known to be poor, dishonest thieves—outsiders. Why do you think God chose them to be the first to come worship the Messiah? Who would you have chosen to be the first? Why?
3. Have you ever felt like God was unapproachable or inaccessible? What is your response to the following quote? "We might tremble to approach a throne, but we cannot fear to approach a manger...Never could there be a being more approachable than Christ." (Charles H. Spurgeon)
4. In what way do you feel like an outsider?
5. Read John 10:11. Do you view Jesus as being FOR you? Have you considered that he has been searching for you? Do you believe that he has chosen you?

Application Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for never giving up on me. Be my Good Shepherd. I will be your sheep. From this Christmas on, I follow you.