

12-22-24 Facilitator “Good News to the Humble”

Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD for His graciousness to the humble and lowly. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for being true to His Word, being high and lifted up, to also dwell with whoever is contrite and lowly.
2. How have you lived resisting (and resisting) ever being in need? Confess your pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you for denying reality and to help you to humbly trust Him to be what He says He is – Savior, Christ, the LORD.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for being the Ultimate Treasure in a jar of clay. Thank Him for humbling Himself to become human (without ceasing to be God), ultimately to die for our sins and conquer death as only He could.
4. Who do you know that struggles with humbling themselves? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them see the humiliation of their sin and guilt and the glory of how HE humbled Himself to save people like us.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of joy at all God has done to save sinners like us. Pray that, like the shepherds, you would hear what God has promised, pursue what He has done, and eagerly tell others as His Grace changes your life.

General Discussion Questions:

- What encouraged you from worship this morning? (Think through the WHOLE service)
- What illustrations or points resonated with you in your personal circumstances?
- What do you love more about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit today?

Specific Sermon Discussion Questions:

A. The Humble Receive a Message

- Why is it significant that shepherds are told the good news?
- What does it say about God’s way of working that simple people, without credibility, are among the first to be told of Christ’s coming?

B. The Is Outlandish

- What stands out about what the shepherds are promised?
- It’s what is in the packages wrapped under your tree that matters right? How is this illustration so spiritually significant?

C. Heaven Come to Earth

- How rare is it for the highest and lowest to be together? (Think of Queen Elizabeth illustration)