

December 23, 2018
Luke 2:8-14

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

I. Introduction:

- New Words Added To The 2018 Dictionaries
- 2018 Word Of The Year: _____
- “Headline Stress Disorder”

II. Unpacking the Passage: Luke 2:8-14

⁸ And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “**Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.** ¹¹ **Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ^[a] the Lord.** ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

III. A Three Lessons The Shepherds Learned About God:

A. God Knows You and You Are _____ To Him.

⁸ “And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.” Luke 2:8

¹¹ “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

"No matter how insignificant you may think you are, God knows you and you are important to Him."

- Example of Joseph (Genesis 37-50)
- Example of Boy with 2 fish and 5 loaves (John 6:1-14)
- Example of Mary (Luke 1-2)

B. Your Life Matters To God Because He _____ You

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life." Jn. 3:16

C. God Has Good News Of Great Joy To All Who Will _____.

10] **"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all people.** 11] For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12] And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12

13] Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, [14] "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-14