
SHARING

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read the passage (Luke 2:8-14) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
 2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
 3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
 4. What are the immediate application points?
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DEEPER DISCUSSION

1. Pastor Duke talked about the burdens and struggles felt by Joseph and Mary as they ?
2. Consider Mary and her sweet spirit of "surrender." She was willing to endure the "unknown cost" of serving God. What were some of the unknown costs she faced?
3. Where have you faced "unknown costs" of serving the Lord?
4. Mary and Joseph were told that there was no room for them at the inn. Instead, Jesus would be born in a manger. Pastor Duke mentioned that God didn't have to work it out that way. Why do you think He orchestrated Jesus' birth in the manger?
5. In light of the trials faced by Joseph and Mary, Pastor Duke said that "God doesn't put the easiest way before His best people." What do you think he meant by that? Why does God lead his people through difficulty? Consider James 1:2-4.
6. God had a very specific plan for Joseph and Mary. And He has specific plans for you too. How does that truth bring encouragement and strength to you?
7. The message of the angels was one of good news and great joy (v.10) How was it a message of joy?