

Choirs of Angels Sing His Glory
Luke 2:8-14
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1. As you think back over the this past year, the last several weeks and the sermon series “A View from Above”—whose experience can you relate to the most closely: Zechariah & Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, or the shepherds and why? **Open Answer.**

2. Read Luke 2: 1-14. In his message , Bill referred to several historical facts from Luke’s account of Jesus’ birth. What are a few and why are they important to us, even today? **(Caesar Augustus was in authority—called himself a god, he called for the census to be taken—everyone was to return to their own town to register. God had orchestrated all these details to fulfill centuries’ old prophecies—He is still in control!!)**

3. Although the shepherds were of “lowly estate”, their work was vital—sheep are notoriously stupid and in need of constant supervision! What work in our world today, might be deemed of similarly “low estate” but vitally important? **(CNAs, daycare workers, sanitation workers).**
Open Answer. Read Psalm 23—what exactly does David’s Shepherd do for him—for us? **(1st—because He is our Shepherd, we have everything we need “I shall not be in want”, he makes us rest—not always in a way that seems pleasant to us—illness, loss of work etc., He leads, restores, guides us. His rod & staff—tools of discipline—give us comfort; He prepares a feast for us in front of our enemies, He anoints us).**

4. From a worldly perspective, what do you feel you need MOST today? After considering today’s reading, Bill’s message—does having Jesus as your Savior meet that need? Why or why not? Think of someone you love who might not yet know Jesus as his/her Savior—what tangible need of theirs could you address as a manifestation of God’s love for them **(think of Bill’s story of giving the man a ride to Newport News)? Open Answer.**

Pray for all the preparations we are all involved in this week, that we might experience God’s Presence and Peace in the midst of it all.