



## NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

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**Sermon Title:** The Arrival Of The Shepherds

**Scripture Reference:** Luke 2:8-20

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### **Connection:**

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What are you looking forward to this winter?

### **Reflection:**

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

### **Application:**

#### **1. Feeling Overlooked**

The shepherds were socially marginalized, yet God chose them to receive the first announcement of Jesus' birth.

- In what areas of your life do you sometimes feel overlooked, unseen, or unimportant?
- How does knowing that God intentionally chose the shepherds challenge the way you see your own worth?

#### **2. God Uses the Willing**

**Additional Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NLT)**

- What stands out to you about how God chooses people throughout Scripture?
- Are there areas where you've been waiting to feel "ready" before saying yes to God? What might willingness look like for you right now?

### **3. Mary vs. the Shepherds: Different Callings, Same Faithfulness**

#### **Additional Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT)**

- How do you discern whether God is calling you to speak, act, wait, or reflect in a particular season of your life?
- Which role do you naturally gravitate toward, and which stretches you more?

### **4. Same Life, New Heart**

#### **Additional Scripture: Colossians 3:17 (NLT)**

- The shepherds returned to the same jobs, same fields, same routines, but changed.
- What would it look like for your everyday life (work, family, routines) to be shaped by worship and gratitude rather than circumstance?

### **5. What Are We Really Praying For?**

#### **Additional Scripture: Psalm 51:10 (NLT)**

- How often do your prayers focus on God changing your circumstances versus changing your heart?
- Is there an area where God may be inviting you to pray less for external change and more for internal transformation?