



WEEK 3 DEVOTIONAL
OH HEAR THE ANGELS VOICES

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **Luke 2:8–10**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scriptures. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn from?

REFLECT

1. You would think that the announcement of the birth of Jesus the long awaited Promised One of God would be announced in a place other than a field to a bunch of shepherds. Why do you think God chose to announce the birth of Jesus in this way? Why do you think He chose this place? What does this tell us?
2. Why did the angels say, "Don't be afraid?" Are you ever afraid of the way God does things? Why or why not?
3. How do you keep the wonder and excitement concerning the birth of Jesus every year? Does it still fill you with great joy? Why or why not?
4. Using the metaphor of a shepherd, in what ways does this shape your relationship with Jesus towards others?

5. Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd (John 10). What are the qualities of a good shepherd?
6. In light of John 10:4–5, what spiritual practices do you maintain to stay in tune with the voice of Jesus?
7. How has Jesus been a good shepherd to you?
8. Since we are called to follow the way of Jesus, consider the ways Jesus has been a good shepherd to you and share how well you do that for others who don't know Jesus.

RESPOND

Spend some time reflecting on today's story. Who in your life needs to hear the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ and the story behind the true meaning of Christmas? Pray for them and then invite them to one of our Christmas services this week.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8–10 New International Version

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 that will cause great joy for all the people.