



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of June 6, 2021

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Luke 2:8-20

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" 15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

Jesus was born in the humblest of circumstances yet came with an announcement from angels. The proclamation of the birth of Jesus the Savior, Jesus the Messiah, Jesus the Lord, was given to lowly shepherds rather than to

the rich and powerful and was prefaced with the words, “fear not”. It was a proclamation of peace rather than wrath. Upon hearing the news, the shepherds immediately went to see the newborn Messiah and those who heard their testimony were filled with wonder, glorifying God.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think God chose to have His Son born into such humble circumstances?
2. What does it tell you about God and His priorities, that the announcement of the birth of Jesus was made to lowly shepherds rather than to the rich and powerful?
3. The angel announces the newborn Jesus as the “**Savior, who is Christ the Lord**”. Briefly describe what the titles, “Savior”, “Christ”, and “Lord” reveal about Jesus.
4. How do the words, “**I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people**” help you in your witnessing? Why do these words seem especially powerful in our current cultural climate?
5. What made the testimony of the shepherd’s so powerful such that all who heard them, “**wondered at what the shepherds told them**”?