

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

December 8-14, 2014

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit.

December 8: Read Luke 2:8-20. Though difficult, try to read this passage as if you had never heard this before. If you were hearing (and believing) this for the first time, what is important for you in this passage?

December 9: Read Luke 2:8-20. Focus on verses 8-9. When have you met God in an unexpected place or an unexpected way? What was your reaction? How did your initial reaction change?

December 10: Read Luke 2:8-20. Focus on verses 9-12. How do you picture “the glory of the Lord” in verse 9? Why do you think these shepherds are the ones that God chose to be the recipients of the “good news of great joy that will be for all the people?” Who would you have picked instead?

December 11: Read Luke 2:8-20. Focus on verses 13-14. What do you imagine the scene being described to look like? If one angel made the shepherds terrified what do you think they were experiencing at this moment?

December 12: Read 2:8-20. Focus on verses 15-16. Why did the shepherds respond as they did? Was their response appropriate or inappropriate? How do you think you would have responded and why? Would your response be appropriate?

December 13: Read 2:8-20. Focus on verses 17-20. What did the shepherds do with what they had seen and heard? How do others respond to the news? What is the significance of the statement “glorifying and praising God?”

December 14: Read Luke 2:8-20. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.