

York St Small Groups Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 19th December 2021

The Birth of HOPE, Declaration of HOPE
Luke 2:8-20

Declaration of
HOPE

THE SHEPHERDS'

These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. In what ways do we go about sharing big news in our lives?

Q2. Can you think of a time when you couldn't help but share some exciting news? Who did you go to first?

INTO THE WORD

Read Luke 2:8-17

Q3. Why do you think God made such an important announcement to a lowly group of shepherds? What does this say about the priorities of God versus the priorities of men?

Read Matthew 2:3-5

Q4. How did the shepherds' reactions to the news of the Messiah's arrival compare to the religious leaders' reactions? What is significant about this contrast?

GOING DEEPER

Q5. Have you ever had an undeniable encounter with God? If so, describe the experience. What made it so evident God was present? How did you respond to Him?

Q6. What keeps us from declaring the message of Jesus with the same abandonment as the shepherds?

Q7. How would you explain the true meaning of Christmas to someone who has never heard it? Who in your life may need to hear this?

Pray

Pray together for opportunities, this Christmas, to 'declare' to those around us the true meaning of Christmas. Pray for boldness and abandonment to share the gospel message with those in our lives who might need to hear it.