

THE LIVING ROOM
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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DO YOU . . . HEAR?

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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. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’ ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’ ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.” –Luke 2:8-20

The Journey of the Shepherds:

1. They _____ the _____ of God right where they were at.
2. They _____ with an _____ to what God was doing.
3. They _____ the _____ of Jesus’ birth.
4. They _____ about the _____ that is found through the Messiah.
5. They _____ God with a renewed sense of _____.

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Questions for your own journey:

1. Do you have an _____ to _____ Jesus?

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”
–John 10:27

“Prayer is first of all listening to God. It's openness. God is always speaking; he's always doing something. Prayer is to enter into that activity ... Convert your thoughts into prayer. As we are involved in unceasing thinking, so we are called to unceasing prayer.

The difference is not that prayer is thinking about other things, but that prayer is thinking in dialogue, ... a conversation with God.”
–Henri Nouwen

2. Is there _____ to _____ in the journey with God and with others?

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.” –James 1:22-24

“You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” –2 Corinthians 3:2-3

3. Is there _____ to _____ God for what He has done?

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.” –1 Chronicles 16:23-24

**May we not only have ears to hear and listen,
but now the heart and courage to enter into a
new journey to where God is calling us.**