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Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Jesus is the King Series, Lesson 31

Lesson Title: Get Rappin'

Take Home Point: We are the wrapping paper for the gift of Jesus to the world.

Warm-Up:

What do you do when you get some really good news? Do you just forget about it? Or do you tell someone with whom you can share your happiness? Think of the person who first received the message that Japan was ready to surrender at the end of World War 2. Do you suppose he told somebody that good news? What of the person who has been told their cancer is in remission? Even things that seem insignificant can get people talking. A friend of mine requires repeated hand surgery to reduce the effects of arthritis, and he is always ready to tell others what a wonderful doctor he has.

Read: Luke 2:1-20

Observation (What happened?):

What was the first thing the shepherds did after the angels told them of the birth of the Savior?

What was the second thing they did?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

To whom do you think the shepherds spread the word after what they had heard and seen?

Why did God choose shepherds to receive the good news from the angels before anyone else?

Insight:

There is an old saying that you can judge a person by the company he keeps. Oswald Chambers once said that non-Christians have a right to judge God by the company he keeps. There is a lot of truth in that statement. What sort of company are you? Do people around you find your attitudes, actions, and words to be the kind that give a good impression of God? An impression that causes them to consider positively the impact of Christ on your life? The Bible is full of God's teaching in that regard. For example, in Philippians 2:14-16, Paul writes, "Do everything without complaining or arguing. Then you will be blameless and innocent. You will be God's children without any faults among people who are crooked and corrupt. You will shine like stars among them in the world as you hold firmly to the word of life." Remember, we are revealing someone every day we live. Is it ourselves or God?

Application (What does it mean to me?):

Take some time right now to thank God for his gift of Jesus to you.

Ask him to show you how you can more attractive "wrapping paper" for the people around you to be attracted to Jesus.