

# Christmas Through the Eyes of...the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

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God may have chosen to announce the birth of His Son to shepherds to demonstrate His inclusiveness.

Knowing Jesus brings a long term, consistent joy—a life-changing contentment that comes from knowing that our lives count for God.

## I. Jesus Makes the Boring Exciting.

## II. Jesus Makes the Supernatural Believable. *Luke 1:18-19*

When Jesus comes into your life, He makes the supernatural easier to believe. *Hebrews 11:6*

We've heard: "Seeing is believing." But there is a sense in which believing is seeing. *John 20:29*

The Apostle Paul taught that unspiritual people cannot discern spiritual things.

*"The sinful mind is hostile to God."* Romans 8:7

*"If anyone is in Christ, he's a new creature, the old has gone, the new is come."* 2 Corinthians 5:17

## III. Jesus Makes the Insignificant Significant.

Those shepherds learned that there was a special identity in God's kingdom that has nothing to do with worldly status. *James 4:14*

Only in Christ will you ever find a sense of divine calling and eternal significance. *1 Peter 2:9*

When you are in Christ... you gain confidence that is not rooted in your ego or education or any other temporary thing.

*Mark 16:15-16, Mark 8:38, Romans 8:16-17, Romans 5:8*

*"Jesus said: 'I am the Good Shepherd...I lay down My life for the sheep. My sheep listen to My voice... and they follow Me.'" John 10:14, 27*

## Five for the Drive

### A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. What is the most dramatic spiritual experience you've ever had?
2. What is the hardest miracle for you to believe? What has helped you believe in miracles?
3. What character in the Christmas story do you relate to best? Joseph, Mary, Magi or Shepherds? Why?
4. What do you do when following Jesus becomes boring? What should you do?
5. Can you remember a time when knowing Jesus made you respond in a courageous way? Share it with us.

## **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### **REAL Women Winter Bible Studies**

Ladies, join one of our Bible study groups this winter. We have an exciting range of studies to choose from that will draw you into a deeper relationship with God and help you learn about His Word. Pick up a brochure at Connecting Pointe or The Source bookstore, or find the list at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com).

### **Blitz Spring Kick-Off**

**6:30 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8**

#### **The Link across the lake**

Middle school students, come and join us at Blitz as we kick off the new season with food, games, worship and a message. New students are very welcome to come along and join in! Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

### **Men's Breakfast**

**8 – 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, starting Jan. 11**

#### **Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Men, join us on Saturday mornings for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study. This is an excellent way to get connected at Savannah Christian. You will also have the opportunity to join a Small Group, discipleship classes and accountability groups as well as hear about upcoming Men's Ministry events. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of the meal. No registration required.

### **REAL Time**

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14**

#### **Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Ladies, join us for REAL Time, an opportunity to connect with other ladies for food, fellowship and laughter as we share and encourage each other in our walks with Christ. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. REAL Time is a monthly event the second Tuesday of each month, except July and December. Purchase your \$8 ticket at least one week in advance of each meeting at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) or at a Connection Kiosk.