

Advent of Joy - Luke 2:8-14

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START TALKING | Get your group thinking.

- 1. What Christmas traditions do you celebrate that are especially meaningful to you?
- 2. Over the course of your life, what kinds of things have you based your identity on?

START SHARING | Get your group engaging with the message.

Read Luke 2:8-14

- 3. How does the angel's announcement to the shepherds in Luke 2:8-11 illustrate the kind of joy that is promised to God's people?
- 4. How do 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and 1 Peter 1:3-6a, 18-23 remind us of the foundational truths of our salvation and the joy it brings?
- 5. Please read Colossians 3:1-4, Romans 8:18, and Revelation 21:3-4.
 - a. What does it mean to set our minds on things above?
 - b. What insights do these verses offer about the joy of heaven that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection bring?
 - c. How does understanding this transform our daily lives and perspectives on joy?
- 6. How does Paul's exhortation in Philippians 4:4, considering his difficult circumstances, exemplify a joy that cannot be taken away?

START LIVING | Get your group applying God's Word to daily life.

- 7. Fill in the blank: If I had ______, I would be satisfied. This shows you where your joy is rooted. What do you have to work on?
- 8. Meditate on Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always." How might embracing the unshakeable joy that comes from abiding in Jesus transform your daily life and impact the lives of those around you?