



Your *story* matters.



HEAVEN'S
Christmas
PROGRAM

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"HEAVEN'S CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION"

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MESSAGE NOTES

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1. The Truth of Christmas is for _____ People

Note Luke 2:8

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It's not for _____ people.

No one is excluded, _____, or forgotten (note Luke 2:10).

2. The Truth of Christmas Produces _____ Responses

A. _____—the shepherds caught a _____ of heaven and just a glance at who God really is (note Luke 2:9). The gospel (_____ news) only becomes good when you and I recognize the not so good news, that you and I are people with spiritually defective DNA who've offended a holy and perfect God, and we need to humbly _____ and say 'YES!' to Jesus as Lord.

B. _____—the shepherd's initial response of fear shifted to joy when they realized that this holy God had not come in judgment, but had come to _____ their greatest problem... (note Luke 2:10)

3. The Truth of Christmas Requires a _____

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- He gave us a _____ so we understand (despite the efforts of the culture to deny this reality) that there is right and wrong, and what we have done is wrong/sinned (note Romans 2:15).
- And then He has revealed Himself through His truth/Word and through Jesus (note John 1:1-5, 10-13).

We are all responsible to respond to the _____ God gives us.

Note Luke 2:15-18, 20

When you _____ meet Jesus and say 'YES!' to Him as Lord, your life will begin to change.

Christmas matters because:

- Have you embraced the truth about Christmas and have you responded to the _____ to meet and say 'YES!' to Jesus as Lord?
- (John 3:16, AMP) - For God so [greatly] loved *and* dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes *and* trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: What's something "Christmas-y" you want to do before the season is over? What are some of the fun traditions you like to do on Christmas Day?

1. Read [Luke 2:8-9](#). Imagine you were one of the shepherds. How do you think you would react to the angels' appearance? What thoughts would go through your mind?
2. Read [Luke 2:10-14](#). Pastor Tom talked about how the Truth of Christmas produces two responses: fear, and then joy. Why do you think "fear" comes before "joy"?
3. How do our responses of "fear" and "joy" relate to how we ultimately respond to Jesus? How does this connect to Pastor Tom's point that "the Truth of Christmas requires a choice"?
4. Read [Luke 2:15-18](#). While their encounter with the angels was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience, the biggest change in the shepherds' lives happened after they chose to respond to God. How is God prompting you to respond to Him through this Christmas season?
5. After sharing your responses, pray for the person on your left.

Day One: [Matthew 14](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 14](#)

Day Three: [Romans 14](#)

Day Four: [1 Timothy 6](#)

Day Five: [Job 14](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE

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