

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Midnight Clear

Week of December 23, 2018

Week 5: Spread the Word (Dave Griffin, Wheaton Campus Associate Pastor)

Luke 2:17-18

Dave shared about a girl in his youth group who asked how a loving God could allow so many people not to know about Him. This got him thinking about how God's plan is to use His people to spread the word. How do you respond to the truth that those of us who know Jesus are responsible for making Him known?

Re-read *Luke 2:17-18*: When they [the shepherds] had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

1. How do you respond to the fact that God called some smelly, low-class shepherds to be the first evangelists to spread the good news of Christ's coming? How does this affect your assessment of whether you're good enough to share Christ?
2. The Bible says nothing about the shepherds having a fancy presentation for spreading the word about Christ. Instead, *Luke 2:17* says that they "spread the word concerning **what had been told them** about this child." As Dave pointed out, if you know something about Jesus, you have enough to share. What do you know about Jesus that you could share with others?
3. Dave contrasted the difference between adding and multiplying when it comes to spreading the word about Jesus. What changes, if any, does this principle call for in the way you go about sharing what you know about Jesus?
4. Our text says that people were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. Apparently, they found the Christmas story to be amazing (the shepherd-messengers themselves weren't all that amazing). What, if anything, do you find amazing about the Christmas story?
5. How do you plan to take advantage of the Explore God initiative to help spread the word about Jesus?

*Pray together that God would give you wisdom and boldness in spreading the word about Jesus.*