

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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Joy- BIBLE PASSAGES -Luke 2:8-20

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these

things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Other Passages:** Psalm 4:6-7, Gal. 5:22-23, John 15:4-11, Phil. 4:4, Romans 5:13

**Connect:**

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. What are the Joy Imposters in your life?
2. Are you connected to the vine in a way that fills you with Real JOY?
3. Does your life reflect what Jesus has done for you?
4. During this season of giving, how are you responding to the gift of Jesus' arrival 2000 years ago?
5. Is joy a prominent characteristic of your life? Of your small group? What steps do you need to take to create habits of joy and gratitude?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**