

The King is Coming



The Shepherd King

Luke 2:8-20, Micah 5:1-4

Big Idea: You are invited into the presence of the Shepherd King.

Outline:

1. The Shepherd King's Character
 - 1) The Humble Beginnings of the Shepherd King
 - 2) The Closeness and Care of the Shepherd King
2. The Shepherd King's Invitation
 - 1) Everyone Receives the Invitation
 - 2) Many Will Miss the Invitation
 - 3) Sing Praises for Receiving the Invitation

Discussion Questions:

1. What was significant about Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus?
2. In what ways is Jesus different from most kings, rulers, and presidents across history?
3. Why do you think God would choose the profession of shepherding to communicate His own character to us? (for example: Psalm 23, John 10:11-15)
4. How does Jesus' character impact us as we follow Him?
5. If you were one of the shepherds in Luke 2, how do you think you would have responded to the angel's appearance and message?
6. How is the invitation of the gospel to all people everywhere similar to the invitation to the shepherds in Luke 2?
7. What kinds of thoughts and feelings tend to occupy our minds throughout the Christmas season? How can we ensure that praising God is a part of our mindset this season?

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Week 1 Starting Dec 1	Week 2 Starting Dec 8	Week 3 Starting Dec 15	Week 4 Starting Dec 22	Week 5 Starting Dec 29
Day 1: 1 Samuel 9	Day 1: 1 Samuel 14	Day 1: 1 Samuel 19	Day 1: 1 Samuel 24	Day 1: 1 Samuel 29
Day 2: 1 Samuel 10	Day 2: 1 Samuel 15	Day 2: 1 Samuel 20	Day 2: 1 Samuel 25	Day 2: 1 Samuel 30
Day 3: 1 Samuel 11	Day 3: 1 Samuel 16	Day 3: 1 Samuel 21	Day 3: 1 Samuel 26	Day 3: 1 Samuel 31
Day 4: 1 Samuel 12	Day 4: 1 Samuel 17	Day 4: 1 Samuel 22	Day 4: 1 Samuel 27	Day 4: 2 Samuel 1
Day 5: 1 Samuel 13	Day 5: 1 Samuel 18	Day 5: 1 Samuel 23	Day 5: 1 Samuel 28	Day 5: 2 Samuel 2

(Encouragement and Hope in times of weakness)

¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.