

Message Series:

**Go and Tell It!**

**A Study on Luke 2:8-20**

*Sharing the Good News of Christ during the*

*Advent Season*

**November 29, 2009**

Today's Message:

***Humble Ambassadors of the Gospel***

**Introduction to the Series, Luke 2:8-20**

*Luke 2:15*

*When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."*

**Today's Main Thought:** The Shepherds responded to the news of Christ's birth by sharing this good news with others.

***Gods announces His good news to the shepherds, Luke 2:1-20; 1:52; Genesis 46:31-34; Jeremiah 23:1-4; John 10:1-5***

***The shepherds were:***

- *Faithful and dedicated to their livestock.*
- *The lowest people on the social ladder.*
- *Under the Rabbinic ban*
  - *Cut off from the Temple and the Synagogue.*
  - *Considered to be unclean.*
  - *Unable to participate in the religious activities of the community.*

***God's humble ambassadors of the Gospel respond to the good news, Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Matthew 18:20; Acts 18:10***

***The shepherds responded by:***

- *Immediately going to Bethlehem and verifying the news.*
- *Sharing the good news with everyone they encountered.*
- *Praising and glorifying God for their experience.*

***Ideas for sharing the good news during the Christmas season***

- *Invite your family; friends and coworkers to the JBC events presented during the Christmas season (see the purple insert).*
- *Greet people with Merry Christmas rather than happy holidays.*
- *Give homemade goodies away with a scripture(s) attached.*
- *Send Christmas cards with a written note pointing them to Jesus Christ.*
- *Decorate your home with the Christmas decorations with the message of Jesus Christ.*

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Next Week: #2 in series Luke 2:17-18 Go & Tell Everyone