

# GROUUPS

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## A GENEROUS CHRISTMAS - 11/30/2025 GEOFF SMITH

### MAIN IDEA

#### UNIMAGINABLY GOOD

### TALK ABOUT IT

- **ICEBREAKER:** When you hear the phrase “Unimaginably Good,” what comes to mind in your own life?
- The shepherds were socially insignificant and overlooked. Why do you think God chose them to receive the first announcement of the Messiah’s birth? What does this teach us about the nature of God’s generosity?
- In what ways do you relate to the shepherds—feeling unseen, ordinary, or unqualified—yet still pursued by God?
- The angel said the good news would bring “great joy for all the people.” How does this confront our assumptions about who is worthy of God’s good news? When has the good news of Jesus brought you joy when you least expected it?
- God reveals Himself as a Shepherd, what does it mean to you that God sees you, cares for you, and leads you personally? How does this deepen your understanding of the Christmas story?
- The shepherds were terrified but they didn’t stay in fear. What fears often keep us from responding to God’s invitations? What does courage look like in your current season?
- The shepherds said, “Let’s go and see.” What would “going and seeing” look like in your spiritual life right now? Where might God be nudging you to take a step of faith?
- After seeing Jesus, the shepherds spread the word. Why do you think encountering Jesus moved them to share? What have you “seen” of Jesus that you feel prompted to share with others?
- In verse 11 the angel said, “A Savior has been born to you.” How does the personal nature of God’s generosity challenge or comfort you?
- Verse 20 says the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God. What do you think changed for them? How can encountering Jesus shift our outlook, priorities, or daily rhythms?
- How can you carry gratitude throughout the Advent season in a tangible way? What practices help you remember God’s generosity?
- If God’s generosity is the heart of Christmas, what is one way you can reflect that generosity to someone who least expects it?
- How might seeing Christmas through the eyes of the shepherds shape how you engage with your community, family, or church this season?
- Where do you need God’s help right now to respond—to move from hearing to going, from seeing to sharing?

### KEY SCRIPTURES

#### LUKE 2:8-20

### NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
  - Christmas Eve Services, December 24th - 12pm, 1:30pm, 4:30 & 6pm Every service is an identical candlelit family service.

- **EXPERIENCE**

- What if someone else could experience what you’ve experienced—God’s love in community? Leading a Life Group is your chance to multiply that impact!
  - Feeling the nudge? Contact Becky at 509-433-7402 to learn more and take the next step.

Let’s spread God’s love—one group at a time!

- **EXPAND**
  - Ready to take the next step? Allow us to help you plug into a DREAM TEAM. Reach out to Jill Thayer at [jillt@sagehillchurch.com](mailto:jillt@sagehillchurch.com) for information on serve opportunities.

### GOING DEEPER

- **Reflection:** How does recognizing Jesus as the “Shepherd of your soul” reshape the way you interpret your current circumstances, challenges, or emotions?
- **Journal:** Reflect on an area of your life—whether a moment, relationship, or provision—where God’s generosity has been present but underestimated or taken for granted. Why has it been difficult to recognize this as something “unimaginably good”?
- **Application:** What is one specific step you can take this week to position yourself—like the shepherds—to notice, respond to, or celebrate God’s presence in your everyday routine?

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