



Sunday Recap Guide

The Right Response

Key Thought: *If God moves in your life, silence is not an option.*

E — Encouragement

Start by helping the group reflect on the week and open their hearts.

Icebreaker / Reflection

- What was a **high** from your week? What was a **low**?
- When was a time you experienced something so good you *couldn't help* but talk about it (a meal, a show, news, etc.)?
- Why do you think we naturally share good news in some areas of life, but hesitate when it comes to faith?

S — Scripture (Deep Dive & Discussion)

Primary Text: Luke 2:15–20 (ESV)

“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...’”

1. Go and See (Encounter)

Luke 2:15–16 | Psalm 34:8

The shepherds didn't debate, delay, or dismiss the moment — they **responded with haste**.

- The Greek word for “*with haste*” (σπεύδω, *speudō*) implies urgency and eagerness, not obligation.
- Their faith was not secondhand. They went to **see for themselves**.

Cross-Reference

- *Psalms 34:8* — “Taste and see that the LORD is good.”
 - Faith deepens when it becomes **experienced**, not just explained.

Discussion Questions

- What keeps people from “going and seeing” what God is doing?
- How has encountering Jesus personally shaped your faith more than simply knowing about Him?
- Where might God be inviting you to respond with urgency instead of hesitation?

2. Go and Tell (Overflow)

Luke 2:17–18 | 1 Corinthians 9:16 | Acts 4:20

After seeing Jesus, the shepherds **made known** what they had experienced.

- Evangelism here is not scripted — it's **storytelling**.
- Paul says he is “*compelled*” to preach (1 Cor. 9:16). The word implies an internal pressure — an overflow.
- The shepherds were ordinary, overlooked people — yet God entrusted them with heaven's announcement.

Cross-Reference

- *Acts 4:20* — “We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”
- *Acts 4:13* — God uses people not because of credentials, but because they've **been with Jesus**.

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think “I'll keep this personal” feels like the safer response?

- How does seeing evangelism as overflow (not obligation) change the way we think about sharing our faith?
- Who in your life might need to hear what God has done in *your* story?

3. Go and Shine (Evidence)

Luke 2:19–20 | Matthew 5:14–16 | 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

The responses to the shepherds were mixed:

- **Wonder** (v.18)
- **Pondering** (Mary, v.19)
- **Worship** (shepherds, v.20)

Faith expressed through **words and witness**.

- Jesus says light isn't meant to be hidden — transformation should be visible.
- Our lives authenticate our message before our mouths ever speak.
- We are called *ambassadors* — representatives who reflect the heart and character of the King.

Key Insight

People often look for Jesus in what we say, but they see Him first in how we live.

Discussion Questions

- Which response do you most relate to right now — wondering, pondering, or worshipping?
- How does your everyday life either point people toward Jesus or distract from Him?
- What does it mean to live as an “ambassador for Christ” in your current season?

P — Prayer

Take time to pray both personally and as a group.

Prayer Prompts

- Thank God for how He has revealed Himself to you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you boldness that flows from love, not fear.

- Pray for the people in your life who need hope, healing, or restoration.
- Surrender comfort and ask God to help you live on mission.

N — Next Steps

Personal

- Identify **one person** you can intentionally pray for and share your story with this week.
- Ask God daily: *“Who can I go and tell?”*
- Look for one way your actions can **shine** Jesus to others.

Group / Church

- Continue gathering faithfully and staying rooted in community.
- Invite someone new into your group or to a weekend service.
- Remember: you are not just attending church — you are carrying the message of reconciliation.