

# Getting this Christmas right

## Christmas is all about Good News



This morning we are taking a look from the perspective of the shepherds

Christmas is all about Good News - it makes your spirits rise and makes you feel good

When you receive good news you remember where you were when you got it - it is burnt on your hard drive

- Good news from Sue Purcell operation, things going exceedingly well
- Jim Thomson losing his \$3000 cash on that day went to Robina town centre and when he got it returned
- Phil received \$3500 in cash last year in Stocklands his money was found and returned

Luke 2:8-10 I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people - not just for some it was for all generations

Luke 2:11 The good news is "today in the town of David a savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"

I wonder what was God thinking? For a father watching the delivery of your child, a pivotal point in there life - what was God wondering and thinking when he was watching Jesus being born. It was party time in heaven, you can see thing by what the angels were doing

Luke 2:13-14 great company of angels appeared - they only act on Gods request

What are you going to do with the Good news?

**1. Celebrate** - we are going to celebrate

A reminder of Jesus the focal point of Christmas

Shepherd - Somewhere between freaking out and excited, starting to celebrate

Paul and Silas (Acts 16) celebrated in the midst of jail getting smashed

**2. Do something**

Ruth has plenty of Christmas spirit - she has organized hampers and they will be a blessing to someone this Christmas

Miranda, Tiarna and James (the body guard) making the jewelry and going around selling it for missions \$122 raised so far

If you aren't feeling the Christmas spirit - Hatch a plan to make someone elses Christmas a bit better this year

Luke 2:15-16 let's see this thing that had happened that the Angels had told them about

The shepherd wanted to do something - They got up and went in search of the savior

The good news makes you want to do something

If you are searching for the savior - keep looking he wants to be found by you

**3. Share the Good News**

Luke 2:17-18 they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child

They had seen it and they were excited and had it in them to share - not tongue tied

Puzzling - Why did he bring it to male shepherds? Why didn't he go to the women and the well?

Gideon principle - small amount

The shepherds got the news out

These three principles are connected. A bit like the wheels on a locomotive - get the momentum going Doing the whole 3 will get the train moving, it will be fun and good