



The Gift of Joy

Luke 2:8-20

Truths of Christmas joy:

- Christmas joy permeates our current circumstances.
- Christmas joy produces awe.
- Christmas joy casts out fear.
- Christmas joy is freely available to anyone who believes.
- Christmas joy is a person.

"That night, as Tom was telling me about Jesus, I listened attentively, but didn't let on my own need. When he offered to pray, I thanked him but said, no, I'd see him sometime after I read C. S. Lewis's book. But when I got in the car that night, I couldn't drive it out of the driveway. Ex-Marine captain, White House tough guy, I was crying too hard, calling out to God. I didn't know what to say; I just knew I needed Jesus, and He came into my life." - Charles Colson

"Christianity's first call is not 'Behave!' but 'Behold!' Christianity is not simply moralism. Once we behold, we will believe...and then we'll behave." - Matt Papa, Singer & Songwriter

Other Scripture:

1 John 4:18-19

Further Study:

Read: Luke 2:8-20 and the other scripture in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week?
3. Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.