



**Week Four: The Unlikeliest of Stars**

Luke 2:8-14

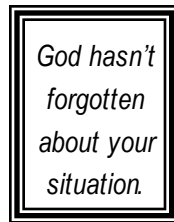
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

**Lessons from the Lowly**

1. The shepherds remind us that God favors the \_\_\_\_\_.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



- Being \_\_\_\_\_ is the quickest way out of a difficult situation.

Psalms 46:10 NASB

Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

- When you feel \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, remember that help is on the way.
- The shepherds remind us that our \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't have to handicap our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The shepherds show courageous \_\_\_\_\_.

- The shepherds had the courage to drop the \_\_\_\_\_ to seize the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's calling needs to be top \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

3. The shepherds show us that being in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ is followed by a public \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

- Christ is a \_\_\_\_\_ for all and is to be \_\_\_\_\_ by all.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of my love for Christ and man will be seen by my \_\_\_\_\_ to share Christ.
- Sharing Christ is a result of finding the original in a flock of \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The shepherds paint a beautiful picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ of man.

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

- The sheep remind us of the predicament of man: \_\_\_\_\_, directionless, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- The shepherds remind us of the \_\_\_\_\_ and direction of God.
- Salvation is understanding Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ and as the \_\_\_\_\_.