



Choosing Action While We Wait

Icebreaker:

1. When do you put up your Christmas tree?
2. Do you open presents on Christmas or Christmas Eve?

Summary:

Surprisingly, the Christmas story begins in fear for those most directly involved. We can learn a lot from how they responded. The shepherds didn't waste time waiting in fear. Instead, they urgently acted in faith. They accepted God's word, and the angel's invitation and: 1) went immediately to find Jesus, 2) witnessed and became witnesses of the Good News, and 3) worshiped God as they returned to their work. As a result of their action, a song of praise replaced the shepherd's fear. The same can be true for us.

Engage the Bible:

Read Luke 2:8-20 and Matthew 7:7 as a group. Discuss key points that stood out to you.

Small Group Questions:

- Share about a time when you were terrified. What did you do?
- What scares you today? What do you do about it?
- What is one way you seek God? What is one new thing you could try?
- How have you witnessed the Good News of God with Us during this Advent season?
- How do you like to praise God? (Sing, serve, prayer, work...)?