The Heart of the Matter
12. God made Himself known to Zechariah, Mary and the Shepherds in a miraculous way when they were just being themselves. What does that imply about what it means to be “spiritual”?

13. How has God spoken to you in the ordinary flow of your life?

14. What precious event has God done in your life that you have “treasured in your heart”?

15. The Shepherds dropped everything they were doing to go see Jesus. What do you need to drop to go follow after God’s Word?

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Life Group Study Guide

Following After God’s Word
Luke 2:8-20
For the Week of December 6, 2020

Getting Started
1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. When do you put your Christmas Tree up? Is it real or fake?

3. What Christmas traditions did your family celebrate as you were growing up? What family Christmas traditions are you still holding onto in adulthood?

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Digging Deeper

4. How do you think some of the Shepherds reacted when the Angel of the Lord appeared in the quiet of the middle of the night? V8-9

5. How does the Shepherds' experience with the angels compare to that of Zechariah in Luke 1:8-9 and Mary in Luke 1:26-27?

6. How would the message from the Angels be "good news of Great Joy?"

7. From verse 11, where is "the city of David?" What is so significant with where Jesus was born? (Micah 5:2)

8. Of all the people the Angels could have visited, why did God send them to the shepherds?

9. How would you describe what happened in verses 13-14? What is so significant about what the Angels were saying in verse 14?

10. After the Angels left in verse 15, and the Shepherds made their way to Bethlehem, what would be some of the emotions they might have been experiencing along the way? How did the Shepherds react when they finally saw the baby in verses 17 & 20?

11. What do think it means that "Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart?"