

2. The shepherds of LUKE 2 were present at the first advent, but had not experienced the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, yet they still bore witness to the *Messiah*. How can Christians today effectively witness to others about Jesus at Christmas time?

3. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1 says, *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ* (NIV). Explain how Christians should apply this principle to their lives today.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. In what way should you be more like the shepherds of LUKE 2?
2. What step(s) will you take to grow in this area?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.



Following the Shepherds

Introduction: LUKE 2:1-20

I. The shepherds _____.

A. They _____ the _____.

LUKE 2:8-10

B. We should _____ to _____!

ROMANS 10:13-18

II. The shepherds _____.

A. They _____ what had

_____.

LUKE 2:15

B. We should _____!

JOHN 3:16-18

III. The shepherds _____.

A. The shepherds _____ on their _____
and _____.

LUKE 2:15-16

B. We should _____!

LUKE 18:22-23; MATTHEW 16:24; MARK 10:28-31

IV. The shepherds _____.

A. The shepherds _____ the _____
they had _____ and _____.

LUKE 2:16-18

B. We should _____
to the _____ of _____!

MATTHEW 28:19-20; 1 PETER 3:15

V. The shepherds _____.

A. The shepherds continued _____,
_____ and _____ God!

LUKE 2:20; 2:11

B. We should be a people _____
in _____ our _____!

ISAIAH 25:9; LUKE 1:47; PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5; ROMANS 5:9-11

Conclusion: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Find and explain at least two Bible verses that point to the difference between the ideas of *hearing* versus *listening*.

2. What does the Bible say about the connection between the knowledge of God's Word and genuine faith?

3. Explain Jesus' promises in MARK 10:28-31 regarding those who follow Him in genuine faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why (especially during the Christmas season) do so many people hear the Gospel but fail to respond in faith? Explain and defend your answer.