TITLE: Blessed Invitation

TEXT: Luke 2:8-21

TARGET: The invitation of God is a message of inclusion towards the least and last, all the while causing every person to feel first and foremost. The shepherds are the proof of this statement!

I. The ________________ with the Shepherds:
   A. Reputation of Shepherds: “And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.” (Vs. 8)
   B. Revelation to the Shepherds: “And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.” (Vs. 9)

II. The ________________ of the Shepherds:
   A. Respect by the Shepherds: “And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.” (Vs. 10)
   B. Redemption for the Shepherds: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Vs. 11)

III. The ________________ of the Shepherds:
   A. Radiance around the Shepherds: “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God” (Vs. 13)
   B. Rejoicing with the Shepherds: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (Vs. 14)

IV. The ________________ of the Shepherds:
   A. Readiness in the Shepherds: “…Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste…” (Vs. 15-16)
   B. Realization through the Shepherds: “And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.” (Vs. 17)

V. The ________________ of the Shepherds:
   A. Reception towards the Shepherds: “And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.” (Vs. 18-19)
   B. Return of the Shepherds: “And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it has been told them.” (Vs. 20)

TAKE AWAY: The gift that the shepherds gave Jesus is the very gift we are called to give Jesus, which is ______________________!
MINISTRY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: Did you know that there are currently an estimated 313,000 victims of human trafficking in Texas? As we continue to pray and give to ministry partners in our city and around the world, this week we focused on a very real crisis happening in our city. Interstate 10, the most used highway for human trafficking, runs right through San Antonio, connecting traffickers and victims to states all the way from California to Florida. This week, pray for CBC’s strategic partners who are on the frontlines of this fight, to see victims liberated, and for justice come to those responsible for their enslavement. To learn more, follow @cbc.global on Instagram and Facebook.

EVENTS
12.28 & 12.29  Baptisms
1.6  Membership Night
1.7  GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse

SERVICE TIMES
Saturday - 5:00PM*  
Sunday - 8:30AM, 10:00AM*, 11:45AM, 1:21PM  
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