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!

1. **The Appointment 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)

2. **The Astonishment 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)

3. **The Amazement 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)

4. **The Adjustment 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)

5. **The Acknowledgement 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 __________________!