



INTRODUCTION

Down to Earth—Part 2

Though Jesus was the Son of God and Creator of the universe, He chose to enter this world under amazingly modest circumstances—as a baby, born to an ordinary couple, and placed in a trough. The angels even announced His birth to the humble shepherds, not to civic or religious leaders. Although the details are simple, the birth of Jesus is remarkable.

This new series, Down to Earth, will explore how this extraordinary event has had an impact in all of our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your favorite tradition you and your family celebrate during the Christmas season?
2. Read Luke 2:8-14. Consider the character qualities of a shepherd. What, if anything, is special or unique about these shepherds that prompts the angel to appear to him and deliver this message? What kind of person does God usually deliver messages to?
3. Read Luke 2:15-20. How do the shepherds respond to this message? What actions characterize their response?
4. When you first heard the gospel message, what was your response? How has the gospel continued to change your life since then?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. What do we learn from these verses that might explain why God choose to deliver his message to shepherds instead of religious leaders? How could we apply these verses to our own lives?
6. Read Philippians 2:3-8. Using the model of Jesus, what character quality does Paul want the believers in Philippi to develop? Why is this important to living out our faith?
7. What lesson(s) can you apply to your own life as a result of this study?
8. What are some things you can do to cultivate humility during this Christmas season?

APPLICATION

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Luke 2:8-20

Luke 18:14

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Philippians 2:3-8