

Joy Unspeakable

Sounds of the Season

Week 3 - Tell

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

Christmas is a time to [TELL](#).



Luke 2:8-15 [NLT]

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city

of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

How we **TELL** is as important as what we **TELL**.

Luke 2:16-20 [NIV]

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

We can **TELL** what...

...has happened.

...can happen.

...will happen.

Jeremiah 33:2-3

*This is what the Lord says,
he who made the
earth, the Lord who formed
it and established it—
the Lord is his name:
³“Call to me and I will
answer you and
tell you great and
unsearchable things
you do not know.”*

What’s your **TELL** this Christmas?

Notes:



HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE
MOUNTAINS

are the feet of him who brings good news

ISAIAH 52:7



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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) *Admitting* that you, like everyone, are in need of rescue.
- 2) *Asking* God to forgive your sins.
- 3) *Saying YES* to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I recognize You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to look to you and follow you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.



For Further Reflection:

- :: Share 1 way you've tried to more intentionally hear & listen to God this week.
 - :: What happened?
 - :: What do you need to try next to listen more fully?

- :: Pastor Shawn said, "Christmas is a time to tell."
 - :: Take a moment to recall the different meanings/uses of the word "tell."
 - :: How might those intersect with the realities of Christmas?
 - :: Where have you taken, or missed, an opportunity to "tell" in your life?

- :: Read/Review Luke 2:8-20.
 - :: What stands out to you most in this passage?
 - :: What were the shepherds told? What did they tell?
 - :: How does their journey relate to yours, or not?
 - :: Who do you know needs to be told what the shepherds were told?
 - :: Prayerfully consider how you might tell them during this Christmas season.

- :: What is God asking you to "tell" next? How can you do that this Christmas?
- :: Ask a trusted friend to pray for you & help hold you accountable to follow through on doing it.



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