groups

"Christmas Character: "The Shepherds' Response"—Luke 2:8-20

How Did The Shepherds Respond To God?

1) They Were _____
2) They _____ the Message
3) They _____
4) They Expressed _____

Questions For Discussion

1) Though shepherds were seen as noble in David's time, by the 1st century they were not given much respect (barely above a leper). Why might God choose to send angels to deliver this amazing message to shepherds? How might you apply this in our day?
2) The angels said their message was "good news of great joy". If someone asked you, "Why is Jesus' birth such a big deal?", how would you answer? Why is it "good news of great joy"?
3) Who is this "good news of great joy" sent for?
4) Did the angels give the shepherds any instructions? Why do you think the instructions are not more specific? Is there any application in this for us today?
5) As you consider the response of the shepherds (see the message notes), what would be the opposite of each response? Is it possible for us to respond to God's words or message with a similar response (opposite of the shepherds)?
6) What else was significant to you in this message?
7) What is one application you could take from this week's message?