

**Making Application from the Message:**

5) How do you know when you have experienced the presence of the Lord? What does that look like? Can you be financially poor and not be hungry?

6) What kinds of things can you do in order to help another person experience the presence of the Lord?

7) How does your life relate to the shepherds after they saw Jesus? How is it similar or how is it different?

***The Joy of His Presence***

***Luke 2:8-20***

*(December 22, 2013)*

**What do the deprived have this Christmas?**

**1) The deprived have rejection and \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 2:8-12**

- Luke 1:53

**2) The deprived have \_\_\_\_\_ His presence Luke 2:13-16**

3) The deprived have the \_\_\_\_\_ of His presence Luke 2:17-20

Message Based Discussion Questions

1) Who are some of the more important people you have met?

**Digging Deeper:**

2) What kind of animal does a shepherd watch over?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Read Psalm 23 and describe the purpose of the shepherd. Why are those characteristics important to the believer in Jesus?

*His presence, not my presents, brings the greatest joy!*

- Rejoice in being deprived from the world. Ps. 107:9; Luke 1:53; 6:21

- Know His presence to reap His joy and blessing. Ps. 16:11

- The deprived, who are in Jesus, will never lack joy! Luke 18:17

3) Did God take the message of Jesus' birth to the elites or the deprived?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Look at 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 and describe what category God puts His people in. Is that a put down or a reality statement? How so?

4) What did the shepherds of Luke 2:8-20 do after they saw Jesus?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Consider yourself one of the shepherds. How would that experience have changed your life? What kinds of things do you suppose changed in their lives mentally, socially and spiritually?