



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM GUIDE

Real Men of Christmas: Shepherds
December 11 & 14, 2025
Pastor One Mokgatle

LEADER NOTES – Coach and Leader Gathering Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 8am – Noon, San Pablo campus: We're excited for you to join your discipleship ministers, fellow coaches and leaders to celebrate what God has done, and what He is going to do to us and through us this year. We will have a continental breakfast, worship, pray, be equipped during breakout sessions, and fellowship together. Doors will open at 8:00am. Childcare is provided. [Click here to register.](#)

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2025 Fall trimester: August 18 – December 8.

2026 - Spring trimester: 1/5 - 5/11 **Summer trimester:** 6/1 - 7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17 - 12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Be-YOU-tiful Boutique for Night To Shine: Hope's Closet stores are collecting formal gowns and accessories and inviting female serve staff to help create a memorable boutique weekend. This special appointment-only event at Hope's Closet Arlington offers free prom outfits and accessories for the queens on Night to Shine. [Click here to learn more and sign up.](#) Your entire disciple group can serve and/or donate dresses.

Christmas Eve at Eleven22: Experience the joy of Christmas through [these resources](#) designed to help you grow in faith, connect with others, and share the good news of Jesus this season. [Click here to see all the Christmas Eve service times.](#)

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: Last week's action step: *"Just like Joseph paused long enough to listen and discern God's direction (Matthew 1:20), set aside intentional time this week to be quiet before the Lord. Spend 10 minutes in silence with God before reading Scripture or praying every day this week."* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:5; Luke 2:1-20; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. But there's no need to answer every question. The goal is to get your group members talking more than you.

- **Read Luke 2:1-20. What stood out to you in this series, this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. The sermon emphasizes that men, and all believers, are called to be alert and watchful. How does this challenge the modern tendency to "let your guard down" during busy seasons like Christmas?** *(Maybe you are still struggling with who God is, or you might be more mature, or maybe you have become busy and apathetic in your life without realizing it.)*
- **How is resting in the Lord different than taking a break from busyness and enjoying the Season?** *(We are often tempted to lower our guard when things slow down, which is precisely when vigilance matters most. Even in holidays, stay alert, stay ready, watch over your walk with God, guard your heart, protect your integrity, stay in the Word, stay in prayer and steward faithfully. Biblical alertness means staying spiritually engaged, especially when life slows down. Christmas is not a ceasefire but prime time for spiritual attack. See Luke 2:8; 1 Cor. 16:13; 1 Peter 5:8.)*
- **Discover:** Pastor One emphasized that the shepherds were not owners but stewards. What has God entrusted to you to steward right now? *(God has entrusted us with time, talent, treasure, and our body as a temple as well as other relationships and responsibilities that ultimately belong to Him.)*
Deepen: How does the way you steward reveal what you think about God? *(How we treat those things reveals whether you truly believe God is the owner and you are the steward. See Luke 2:8; Ps. 24:1; 1 Cor. 4:2.)*
- **Discover:** Read Luke 2:9 and reflect on Pastor One's story about the lion safari. Describe the difference between unhealthy fear and a healthy fear of the Lord.
- **Deepen:** Think about a time you experienced the fear of the Lord – awe of His holiness. How has God used holy fear to make you aware of your need and draw you closer to Him?
- **We're called to tell everyone about Jesus as the shepherds did. What's one fear or struggle holding you back from sharing your story, and how has Jesus helped you overcome similar barriers in the past?**
- **Discover:** Read Luke 2:10. How did the shepherds receive and respond to the "good news with great joy"? *(Pastor One shared that there are moments in life that define you, moments where everything changes or has changed, moments that you remember forever. The shepherds experienced a moment that changed everything.)*
- **Deepen:** Ephesians 2:1-5. What was the "But God" moment received and responded to the "good news with great joy?"
- **After encountering Jesus, the shepherds returned to their ordinary work, but they were no longer ordinary men. How does a real encounter with Jesus change your Monday - Saturday, not just your Sunday?**
- **Discover:** Read Luke 2:15-16. Delayed obedience is dressed-up disobedience. Discuss a prompting from God you obeyed right away and how it deepened your faith.
- **Deepen:** Share a time when you delayed obedience and how God used it to grow you.
- **The shepherds obeyed God immediately. Where is God prompting you to obey—right now—that you have been delaying?**

Action Step: Ask the Holy Spirit to heighten your awareness this week as it relates to stewardship this holiday season. Schedule time on your calendar now for the month of December to steward your relationships and responsibilities well instead of waiting until the new year.

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