

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luke 2:8

## I. The Messengers (Luke 2:8)

- A. Some Problems
- B. God's People

# II. The Miraculous (Luke 2:9,10,13,14)

- A. God's <u>Angels</u>
- B. God's Good News
- C. God's Exclamation Point

# <u>III.The Message (Luke 2:11)</u>

- A. <u>"Today"</u>
- B. <u>"Savior"</u>
- C. <u>"The Messiah"</u>
- D. <u>"The Lord"</u>

# IV. The Mission (Luke 2:15-20)

- A. "Let's go and see!" (confirm the truth personally)
- B. Found Mary, Joseph, and the Baby (proved)
- C. "Spread the word" "Amazed"
- D. The shepherds were forever <u>changed</u> (2 Cor. 5:17)

# V. The Ministry of Guidance and Encouragement (Luke 2:19)

- A. God <u>confirms</u> His will and purposes:
  - 1. Personal spiritual <u>revelation</u> Holy Spirit + Word of God
  - 2. Circumstantial opportunities Open doors Peace principle
  - 3. Support/guidance from God through <u>others</u> Unity support
- B. God comforts
  - 1. <u>Treasure</u> = suntereo =
    - a. <u>Preserve</u> memory or idea
    - b. Ponder keep bringing it up over and over again
  - 2. These experiences of God become <u>milestones</u> throughout the adventure.