

Day 5 || Choosing Well

The Big Idea: Once we encounter Christ, we have a choice to make.

Read Luke 2:15-20

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 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. (Luke 2:15-20)

The shepherds saw something they weren't expecting. They had an encounter with God's Kingdom in an amazing way. And afterwards, they were left with a choice.

What were they to do with the information they just heard?

The truth is that once we encounter Christ, each of us, you included, has a choice to make. When people hear the Gospel, or have a chance to encounter Christ through the Bible, there is a choice to be made. People have to respond one way or another. They will either move on this information, or they will not. They will either be compelled to know more, or they will choose to walk away.

The shepherds had a choice. They made their choice and they made it well.

The shepherds acted and they retold. They acted on the angels' message. Look in verse 15. They heard and they moved. They could have sat and talked, or they could have gone home. But they didn't. They followed through and they were rewarded by coming face-to-face with the Son of God.

But they didn't stop with simply acting. They retold. Verse 17 says that once they were sure of the angels' message, they couldn't contain themselves. They started talking. They started spreading the word about Jesus. It was as if they couldn't keep quiet.

Today, over two thousand years later, we're still expected to do the same. If you know Christ, you should find yourself compelled to speak of His story. If you have encountered God and His Kingdom, you know that you will find it hard to keep your mouth shut.

You have to move. You have to act. And with God empowering you, you will. And you'll be awesome.

THINK ABOUT THIS . . .

- **What's keeping you from being a more powerful teller of Jesus' story? What can you do to be more committed to being someone who tells Jesus' story to others?**