

“God Comes to You Just as You Are”

Based on Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)
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Luke 2:8 - And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

† Shepherds were outcasts, not allowed in the city and not trusted by the general public.

† Jesus comes for all, including the outcasts.

Luke 2:9-12

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

† No matter how we may portray it today, God came into the world in a barn.

† God is not only “out there,” but God is also with me.

Luke 2:11 - Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

† Much of what Jesus does is to make people know how worthwhile they are.

† God, through Jesus, comes to anyone with a humble heart and honest enough to accept him.

† God is in ministry through me.

† I am significant to God.

† Everyone around me is significant to God.

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† When have I felt like an outcast?

† How has God through Christ come to me to make me know I am significant?

† Who is someone I know that needs to be reminded that they are significant to God?

† Who is someone that needs to be reminded that they are significant to me?