



Sermon Growth Guide

December 24, 2023

Sing We Now - Heaven's Song

Luke 2:4-14

Key Verse: Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Big Idea: Heaven's Song is the right song to sing.

Foundations

Songs are powerful. Spend a moment sharing with each other what your favorite songs have been over the years. What about a favorite concert you went to?

More songs have been created around the birth of Jesus than any other event in human history. ***Sing We Now!***

Our passage this Christmas Eve (Merry Christmas, friends! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!) centers on “the song of heaven.” The sky opens up and angels (angel means, “messenger”) herald this amazing news, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Jesus, fully God and fully man, has come. The one who is without beginning has been born. The lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world is announced to a group of shepherds.

Spend time this week giving thanks that Jesus has come to save us. Though the world be sick with worry, “the weary world rejoices.”

Give testimony to the light that has come and shines in the darkness and “gives light to all mankind,” (John 1:9).

Understanding God's Word

Together, read Luke 2:4-14.

What strikes you about this gospel account of the announcement of the birth of Jesus?

What is odd about shepherds being the recipients of the host of angels? Why is this upside-down to how most of human history works?

Focusing on the words “glory” and “peace,” unpack verse 14. What is promised?

Applying God's Word

Heaven's Song is the right song to sing. Pastor Tim challenges us this week to consider all the songs we sing in our lives. What songs do you sing in your heart and to those around you? How might you more consistently sing the song of heaven?

Witnessing God's Word

Colossians 3:16-17 comes to mind in thinking about the song of heaven reverberating in our souls. “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly.” As we faithfully witness within, we become poised to witness faithfully without. As we enter 2024, how can the song of heaven be even more faithfully sung in your Life Group?