

Theme: Intentionality

Luke 2:15-16 (NIV)

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." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

1. What do we notice about the shepherds
 - a. Heard the message from the angels
 - b. They responded with sense of immediacy ("Let's go...hurried")
 - c. They were intentioned, focused, and on a mission ("see this thing").

2. A Biblical pattern
 - a. We have heard the message of the angels; the gospel message
 - b. Most of us have responded in faith
 - c. But, do we sense we are on a mission?
Is there intentionality in our lives?

3. Those, like the Shepherds, who have been touched with a heavenly message are to be intentional, as one on a mission. There is to be intentionality in our lives as believers.

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

1 Corinthians 8:6 (NIV)

yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

- a. We are called to grow.
- b. Our mission: "living for Christ"
- c. Our intention: learning how to do that, and living out the mission