

ADVENT SERIES – O Holy Night!

Luke 2:8-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Consider the history of the great carol 'O Holy Night' – written by a French atheist, composed by a Jewish composer, and translated by a Unitarian minister. Discuss the ways the Lord can – and does – use all kinds of people in all kinds of ways to serve his great and lasting purposes.

Many of the most prominent biblical figures were shepherds or employed the shepherd namesake (inc. Moses, David, Jacob, Rachel, Jesus). That, combined with the angel's chosen appearance to shepherds on the night of the nativity (Luke 2) at least suggests that there is something significant about shepherds. Discuss.

Applying

Throughout history Christians have been at the forefront of efforts of liberation and justice. How have we or can we position ourselves to follow the great legacies of the past in caring for and supporting the oppressed especially this holiday season?

Explore and discuss what the term 'holy' means. In what ways can we deepen and enrich our celebration of the holy night when Christ was born? How can we honor and invite others into this celebration in new ways?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other? Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for? How can we pray for our church?



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