

Main Text: Luke 2:8-20

Luke 2:15 (NLT) - "Let's go see this thing that has happened ..."

Those who nurture a seeker's heart will most likely encounter God, in the Christmas season and well beyond.

How does one nurture a seeker's heart?

1. Prioritize via action/movement.

Luke 2:16 (NLT) - They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

2. Elevate worship.

Luke 2:20 (NLT) - The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

3. Be generous with what you find.

Luke 2:17 (NLT) - After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

1 Samuel 3:3-4 (NLT) - The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle **near** the Ark of God. ⁴ **Suddenly** the LORD called out, "Samuel!"

Proximity to God's presence prepares for the "suddenlies" of God.

Study Guide

Can you think of an area of your life that has required you to diligently seek out a solution? What actions were required to create the reality you were after? (This could be things like: a healthier body, improved relationships, a more fulfilling career, retirement plans, etc.).

What parallels can you see regarding a deeper, closer walk with God?

What are some practical steps that you can take to nurture your relationship with the Lord?

Review the main scripture from Sunday (Luke 2:8-20) and look for the shepherd's response to the Good News. How did they reflect the heart of seekers?

The shepherds' actions were described in Sunday's message:

They 1) prioritized their seeking of God via action/movement (Luke 2:16), 2) elevated the importance of worship in their lives (Luke 2:20), and 3) generously shared with others what they had found (Luke 2:17).

How do these things speak to you?