

Argyle Study Guide, Christmas part 1, 12-07-2025

Read Luke 2:8–14

1. Gabriel remembers the glory days — When angels lit up the skies and the world stopped to listen. When shepherds fell on their face in fear and wonder. When even the wisest men would drop everything to follow a star through the sky. But now, something has changed.

Our family is too busy: too busy on social media, too busy shopping online, too busy with Christmas. Can you relate?

2. But Mary gently reminds the frustrated angel, and us, that her own calling did not come with flashing lights or a loud band, Instead, her calling came in a quiet, personal conversation, with God's messenger. Two ways that God speaks: Sometimes God thunders. Sometimes God whispers.

3. "Jesus doesn't need a spotlight. He only needs a manger."
What does that mean to you?

4. If you were throwing a party and wanted to invite "all the important people," shepherds would not be on the list. So why would the angel choose the shepherds to hear the greatest news ever told?

5. Think back through your story. Have there been moments when God's work in your life was so obvious it was like a trumpet blast from heaven?

6. But God often speaks in the spaces between the noise.
We need to build rhythms of stillness into our day.
Not just prayer time, though that is very important,
we need times of actual quiet.

7. Whether God thunders or whispers,
He is still Emmanuel, God with us.