

Portraits of Christmas
The Shepherds: The Ignoble Informed
Luke 2:8-20

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news
of great joy that will be for all the people.”

Luke 2:10

Question: Have you ever felt like you were not good
enough?

Setting the context:

1. Shepherds were the _____ people.

Think of the lowest job today- that would be shepherds
back then!

2. Sheep are _____, _____, and
_____ animals.

“Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we
are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

Psalm 100:3

3. Angels visit shepherds, not the _____
_____.

“For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matthew 9:13

4. _____ the angels said was true.

Main Point: God wants _____ -
not just the special and great.

Lessons from the Shepherds:

1. Seeing _____ causes fear, awe and
worship.

“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they
had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

Luke 2:20

2. Jesus longs to break into your _____,
_____ life.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give
you rest.”

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

3. God’s plan for _____ includes you, your
family and your neighbor.

Wrap Up:

If peace and salvation are offered to everyone, have you taken hold
of this great offer?

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Next week: Portraits of Christmas- The Magi