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Series: Christmas Notes
Part 1: Go Tell It on the Mountain
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1. Christmas is a time of celebration. How do you and your family celebrate the birth of Jesus?

2. Luke 2:8-20 was Sunday's text and tells the story of the announcement to the shepherds and their journey to Bethlehem to see the birth of the Messiah. When the angel appeared to the shepherds, the shepherds were terrified, and the angel said, "Do not be afraid." Several times Jesus would say the same thing.
 - *What are you afraid of today?
 - *Do you recall another time you were frightened and felt comforted by remembering Jesus said, "Don't be afraid"?

3. The angel said, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."
 - *What is the good news?
 - *What are the joys the angel might have been alluding to? Which is your favorite?
 - *What do you think of when you read or hear "all" in this declaration?
 - *Besides your family, what is one of your greatest joys?

4. A host of angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven!" In what ways are you living a life of worship?

5. The angels proclaimed the birth of our savior to the lowly shepherds. The Christmas song, Little Drummer Boy, is about a poor boy, who had nothing to offer the "new born king" except for one little thing: he could play his drum. So he played his best for him. What gift can you offer Jesus?

6. What were the five ways Ted said our lives can proclaim the Good News? (**Share with urgency, find your courage, keep it simple, make it personal, take it home.**)

7. Are you "urgently" sharing the "Good News" with anyone? In what way could you boldly share the good news? What is the truth of Jesus in the simplest terms?

8. How can you bring the good news into your home?

9. Acts 4:13 says, "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." How are you changed when you have "been with Jesus"?

10. The shepherds returned to the flocks, "glorifying and praising God."
 - *How do you think the shepherds lives might have been changed?
 - *As you think of all the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, how can your life change in your present place and circumstances?