



Study Guide – God with Us: The Presence of The Lord – No.2

Week Commencing 8th December 2019

Please read **Luke 2.8-9**

1. Can you share an experience when you have felt a sense of 'fear' (of being completely disarmed and unsettled) by your awareness of the presence of God breaking into your everyday world? *Your experience of God may have resulted from a supernatural intervention like the shepherds, or by experiencing a miracle or healing, or by God's Spirit convicting you of His Holy presence as you read His word, or as He spoke to you in a dream or a vision, or as you listened to a sermon, or something else.*

Please read **Luke 2.10-14**

2. How does it encourage you that God chose to presence himself with shepherds, and assure them, and reveal His plans and purposes for the Messiah to them, and invite them in to take part in the story of God with Him? Might He be willing to do something similar with you?

Please read **Luke 2.15-20**

3. How did the shepherds respond to God's revelation? What do you think of this?
4. What might you be able to share of your experience of God and of the Saviour, with your friends, colleagues or family this Christmas? – they too might find it amazing!

Please read **Isaiah 6.1-5**

5. Have you ever had an experience where you, like Isaiah, felt 'unclean' and 'ruined' as you became conscious that you were in the Holy Presence of God?

Please read **Isaiah 6.6-7; Hebrews 10.14-15; 18-19; 22-23**

6. How does God handle His child, Isaiah? And how does He handle us, His children of faith?

Please read **Isaiah 6.8**

7. Isaiah, like the shepherds, is given a stunning revelation of God, and by invitation he is given the privilege to partake in the work of the Kingdom of God. He says yes! What do you sense God is inviting you to share with Him in the work of His Kingdom in this season of your life?
8. Attending church on a Sunday (depending on our approach, preparation and anticipation) can become a bit same old – for all of us: the equivalent of the sacrifices and offerings repeated... But how might it be different if we come prepared beforehand, tuned-in, sins confessed, prayerful and ready to meet with the Living God each Sunday?