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Sunday, December 23, 2012

**“HEARING THE HARK”**

(Luke 2:8-20)

“Busy” is our favorite word to describe ourselves. We talk about the weariness and stress of our lives because of “busy”. Much of this pain is self-inflicted. An unintended consequence of busyness is the damage done to our relationship to God. Depth of relationship to God doesn’t come at the speed of “busy.” Be still.

**1. Those Who \_\_\_\_\_ God's Message**

**2. Those Who \_\_\_\_\_ God's Message**

**Shepherds were \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**3. How To Hear God’s Message**

**Be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Find \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Be \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**1. Those Who Did Not Hear God's Message**

**2. Those Who Heard God's Message**

*“In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger’” (Luke 2:8-12 NIV).*

**Shepherds were borderline social outcasts.**

**Shepherds were religiously unclean.**

**Shepherds were loners.**

**3. How To Hear God’s Message**

**Be still.**

*“Stop . . . and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10, HCSB).*

**Find a place of quiet.**

*“As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut. It is evil to make mindless offerings to God” (Ecclesiastes 5:1, NLT).*

**Be intentional.**

*“And there were shepherds living out in the field nearby....” (Luke 2:8, NIV).*