

**Title: What Are You Waiting For?**

**Text: Luke 2:8-20**

**Theme: Advent**

Are you waiting for a better reputation?

In relation to status v8

In relation to vocation v8

In relation to God v9

Are you waiting for a clearer message?

Do not fear v10

This is Good News v10

Glorify God v14

Are you waiting for a higher calling?

Investigate God's Word v15

Share God's Word with others v17

Live God's Word today v20

## ABF Discussion Exercises

“Advent is a season for waiting, we wait for the coming of God. We need him to come. Our world is messed up and we are messed up.”

**Check In: What are the ways you or your family recognize Advent?  
What other traditions do you or your families have?**

### 1. How does God interact with people?

**Read Luke 1:8-9; 1:26-27; 2:8-9** - discuss the following questions.

God appeared to Zechariah, Mary, and the shepherds in everyday circumstances. What does this imply about what it means to be “spiritual”?

What is significant about these three being the first to hear the Good News?

God chose these shepherds to be the first evangelists. Name other people in the Bible that are used in similar ways?

Why would God do this? (Provide a Bible verse if you can.)

### 2. How do we interact with God?

**Read Psalm 145:8-9; Romans 8:18-21** and discuss the questions:

Of the attributes listed in Psalm 145:8-9, which one means the most to you? Why?

How does believing His promises help you find joy in a life full of trials?

What effect has the news of Christ’s birth had on you?

- a. business as usual
- b. spiritual commitment
- c. an awakened sense of joy
- d. hope for the future
- e. thankfulness for God’s forgiveness
- f. confusion about God’s plan

Describe how waiting on God and His promises can bring joy to a normal day.

### Takeaway

**Consider your times of struggle or discouragement through this next week.  
When tempted to become discouraged, turn to a promise of God.  
Plan on sharing this encouraging moment with the group next week.**