

Emmanuel Prayer Needs

Youth For Christ Unlimited, Belleville, YFC

- Pray for all of the faithful leaders dedicated to serve and organize this vital ministry.
- Pray for Eli Verkuyl as he leaves YFC and begins further studies and to have success in higher education.
- Praise for YFC to foster genuine relationships to help the young adults to find hope and life in Jesus.
- For Youth Unlimited staff to have God's wisdom, inspiration and love as they meet challenges.

Study continued

9. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. The wisemen's problem was that they were in the wrong place. They had got their eyes off the star that was guiding them, and trusted in their own wisdom, thinking that a newborn king would be related to Herod and be in Jerusalem. What happens to our "Joy of the Lord" when we get our eyes off God and onto ourselves, and our understanding? What do we need to do?
10. In Matthew 2:4-6. The Priests tell Herod, who tells the wisemen that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). This shows us how important it is for our lives to be in line with the Word of God. What plans can you make for 2025, to put an emphasis on the Bible?
11. Read Matthew 2:9-11. After hearing the scripture, the star they had been following guides them once more. The wisemen were overjoyed in seeing the star. What is the link between joy and living according to the word of God? (Also read John 15:10-11)



FINDING JOY

**The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news that will cause great joy
for all the people.
Luke 2:10**



FINDING JOY

Joy:

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Angel: I bring you good news of _____ Luke 2:10

Shepherds response to the message:

1. _____ Luke 2:15

Matthew 7:7

Jeremiah 29:13

2. _____ Luke 2:17-18

1 Peter 3:15

3. _____ Luke 2:20

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

RESTORING JOY Matthew 2:1-12

Magi:

What would have been their reaction to Herod knowing nothing of a newborn king?

Herod:

The wisemen's problem: They were in _____ not _____

The wisemen had stopped short of finding Jesus

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 2:4-5 What was it that got the wisemen back on the "right road?"

What does Matthew 2:9 seem to indicate about the star?

Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star, they were _____

1. Read Luke 2:8-20. The life of a shepherd wasn't easy. Their lifestyle was physically hard, and they were regarded as the outcasts of society. The message of the angels didn't change their life situation. However, there was a radical definite change in their outlook on life. In reading this passage, what are some of the things that have changed in their attitudes? Explain.

2. What is the difference between the joy found in the world, and the joy of the Lord?

3. In Luke 2:15, we see the initial response of the shepherds. There was no delay, their response to the message from God was immediate. Why is this important?

4. Read Matthew 7:7 and Jeremiah 29:13. From these two verses, what should be our attitude towards seeking God? What does it mean to seek God?

5. In Luke 2:17-18 we are told that the shepherds went around telling everyone. This is interesting, since they were generally not accepted in society and weren't allowed to give testimony in court. This didn't stop the shepherds. What do you think the link is between the joy of the Lord and telling others about Christ? (Also read 1 Peter 3:15)

6. From Luke 2:20 we see that the shepherds returned to the hillside changed people. Why is worship so important in finding joy? What is worship? (Also read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

7. Read Matthew 2:1-12. What is the level of commitment that these wisemen made to finding this newborn king and messiah? (Also read Matthew 16:24)

8. What do you think was their attitude and disposition when they heard from Herod that he knew nothing of a newborn king? What is often our response when things don't work out the way we had hoped, or planned?