Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news** of great joy that will be for all the people.

A. The Good News is...

1. An historical event that ________________ ________________.

   Luke 2:11-12, 15; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:7

2. An historical event that was ________________ ________________.

   Luke 2:11; Matthew 2:5-6; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6

3. All about a ________________.


4. Not _________________. We need the ________________ of the ________________...

   Luke 1:26-33

B. Sometimes good news can be ________________ ________________.

   Luke 2:15-16, 20

C. Good news is meant to be ________________.


D. Good news is meant to be ________________.

   Luke 2:14, 20
HEARING AND DOING

Each week this section will provide next steps for going deeper with the sermon material, as well as preparing for discussion in your Grow Group. Bring this sheet with you to your group meeting.

1. If you are a Christian, think back to when you made that decision. Which of the following is the main reason you accepted the gospel - the “good news”? If you were to “re-decide” to be a Christian today, knowing what you know now, which reason would you choose?

- [ ] It was the religion of my parents
- [ ] The evidence was compelling
- [ ] I was afraid of Hell
- [ ] I wanted to go to Heaven
- [ ] The lives of Christians backed it up
- [ ] It felt strangely true
- [ ] It best explained reality
- [ ] It made more sense than other religions
- [ ] Everybody was doing it
- [ ] Other: ____________________________

2. If you had to summarize the good news in just one sentence, what would it be?

3. Rate yourself on each question:

   How well do you feel you understand the good news?  
   1 ..................................................... 5 .................................................. 10

   How well-equipped do you feel in sharing the good news with another?  
   1 ..................................................... 5 .................................................. 10

   Rate your joy level in the gospel.  
   1 ..................................................... 5 .................................................. 10

4. Read 2 Corinthians 2:12-17. In this text, Paul gives us a window into what is happening when we share the Good News with someone. Answer the following questions:

   A. What is the source of the aroma mentioned?

   B. Why might two different people have two radically different responses to the same good news?

   C. What are the right and wrong motivations mentioned for sharing the good news?