

Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Why do you think that the public conversation in our culture has reached such a fever pitch?
- 2. What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

THE SITUATION OF THE FLOCK

- 3. How have you seen leadership fail in their responsibilities to the "sheep" in their care? This can be in any field or situation.
- 4. How have you failed to take care of the other "sheep" in your life? What types of people are you likely to avoid and/or look down on?

THE PROMISE OF THE SHEPHERD

- 5. How does Jesus fulfill this passage? Don't just think about his person, but think about his character.
- 6. Does this passage give any more depth to your understanding of the Christmas story? How does it help us understand what was God doing in the incarnation?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- 7. How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- 8. In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?