

Sharing the Gift of God's Love

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But the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said.
"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."

Luke 2:10

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened
and what the angel had said to them about this child.

Luke 2:17

Steps to Sharing God's Gift

1. Enjoy it Myself

Psalm 107:1-2 (Msg) Oh, thank GOD—he's so good! His love never runs out. All of you set free by GOD, tell the world! Tell how he freed you from oppression,

Philippians 4:4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!

Psalm 107:22b With joy they should tell what He has done. (NCV)

2. Make Time to Share It

Galatians 4:4a But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman...

Matthew 11:28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Psalm 90:12 Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.

3. Make a Plan

Luke 2:15 When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

Mark 16:15 And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

Pray for friends and family:

Impact List

- **Invite** someone to Christmas Candlelight Services
- **Re-connect** with family and friends
- **Give** someone a Christmas tract
- **Bring** someone to one of our regular services/groups
- **Give** to the special Christmas offering, Dec 24 or Dec 25

4. Trust God

Romans 8:25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.

My Part: *Tell Someone*

God's Part: *Change Lives*

Ephesians 3:16-19 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

