

# MESSAGE NOTES | DECEMBER 19



## Keeping Promises

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[Luke 2:25-38, p. 716](#)

As we rehearse the birth of Jesus Christ each December we can't help but notice that God uses people -- those considered insignificant by the world -- Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. Too often, however, our Christmas journey ends with Luke 2:20. If we travel a bit further we will meet two remarkable senior adults who show us how to glorify God today, just like they did.

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ that He keeps His promises. ([Luke 2:25-27](#))
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ declare who Jesus is. ([Luke 2:28-35](#))
3. We keep the \_\_\_\_\_ conversation alive. ([Luke 2:36-38](#))

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize [Luke 2:33](#).
- Make a list of the promises of God and review it.
- Read Luke 2 out loud with your family.
- Enter the conversation ([Colossians 4:2-6](#))!

## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

*Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?*

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
2. Read [Matthew 2:18-24](#), together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?  
(*Share a specific: "I will..."*)
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?  
(*Name a specific person you plan to **share with.***)

*If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with [marcus@oakwoodnow.org](mailto:marcus@oakwoodnow.org)*

THE **ONE THING:** \_\_\_\_\_