"A Reason to Celebrate!" Luke 2:15-20 Pastor Wes October 18, 2026

1) a. In conversation, we sometimes hear (or say) these words: "Well, just consider the source." What does this usually indicate about "the source"?

b. Have you ever been deceived or tricked by "a source"? (Can you share about this with your group?)

c. What can create a more positive attitude toward "a source"?

2) a. In verse 15, what was "the source" for the shepherds, and what was their response to what they heard?

b. What enabled them to respond as they did?

3) a. What is the definition of the word "assurance"?

b. Look up Hebrews 11:1 in the NASB or ESV. How are assurance and faith related?

4) a. What can be the effect of weak assurance?

b. What can cause a Christian to be weak in assurance?

5) a. Pastor Wes asked us a question: "Are you experiencing 'living faith'?" (See Col 1:4-5; 2 Cor 5:7, Rom 1:5)
("Living faith" is <u>faith</u> that is being <u>lived</u> out, in obedience to God's Word, step by step, day by day.)

How did those shepherds demonstrate "living faith" for us?

b. What situations in your life are calling for you to step out in obedience, choosing "living faith"?