

A photograph of an Advent wreath with four lit candles in shades of blue, white, and red. The candles are set against a background of vertical light stripes in blue and purple. In the foreground, there are gold and silver Christmas ornaments and pine branches. On the left, a blurred Christmas tree with lights is visible.

Advent

Preparing for the Coming of Christ



Advent

Where does this season
fall in the Church Year?





Advent

The Beginning!
Happy New Year!





1st Candle “Prophecy”

Hope/Watch (Blue or Purple)

“PROPHECY”

Hope/Watch

“The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14



“PROPHECY”

Hope/Watch

Who was Isaiah?

When did he live and prophecy?



“PROPHECY” Hope/Watch

READ Matthew 1:18-25

ANSWER questions in binder.



The background features several lit candles in various colors (blue, purple, gold) with warm, glowing flames. In the foreground, there are Christmas decorations including pine branches, gold and silver ornaments, and a string of lights. The entire scene is set against a dark, moody background with a blue and purple color palette.

2nd Candle Bethlehem

Peace/Prepare (Blue or Purple)



“BETHLEHEM”

Peace/Prepare

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.” **Micah 5:2**



“BETHLEHEM”

Peace/Prepare

- In what country is Bethlehem located?
- How does Jesus’ rule bring peace?
- What does it mean that His origins are from old, ancient times?
- Micah 6:8
- Micah 7:18-20



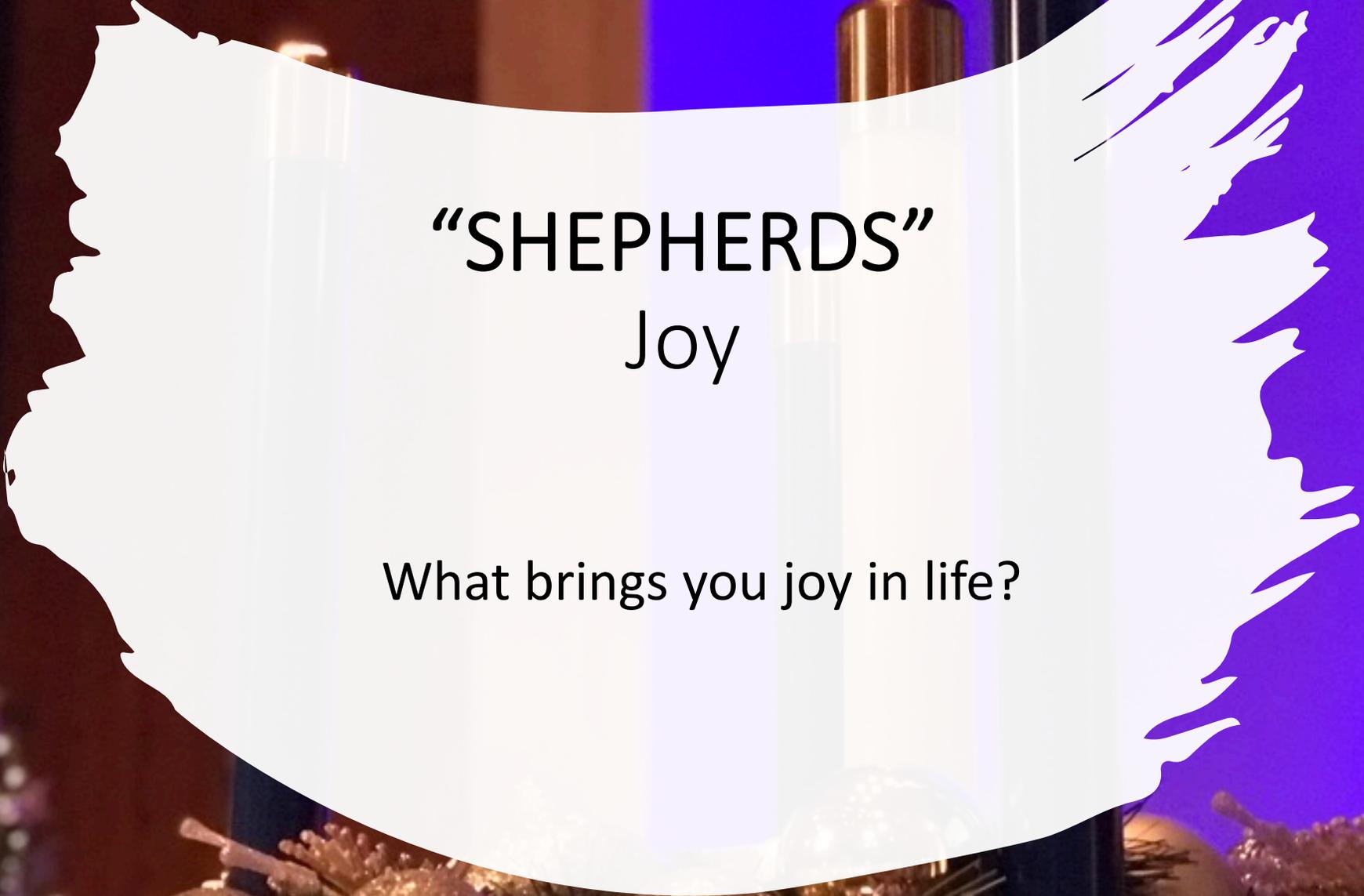
Homework for Sunday Discussions

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3rd Candle Shepherds

Joy (Light Blue or Pink)



“SHEPHERDS”

Joy

What brings you joy in life?

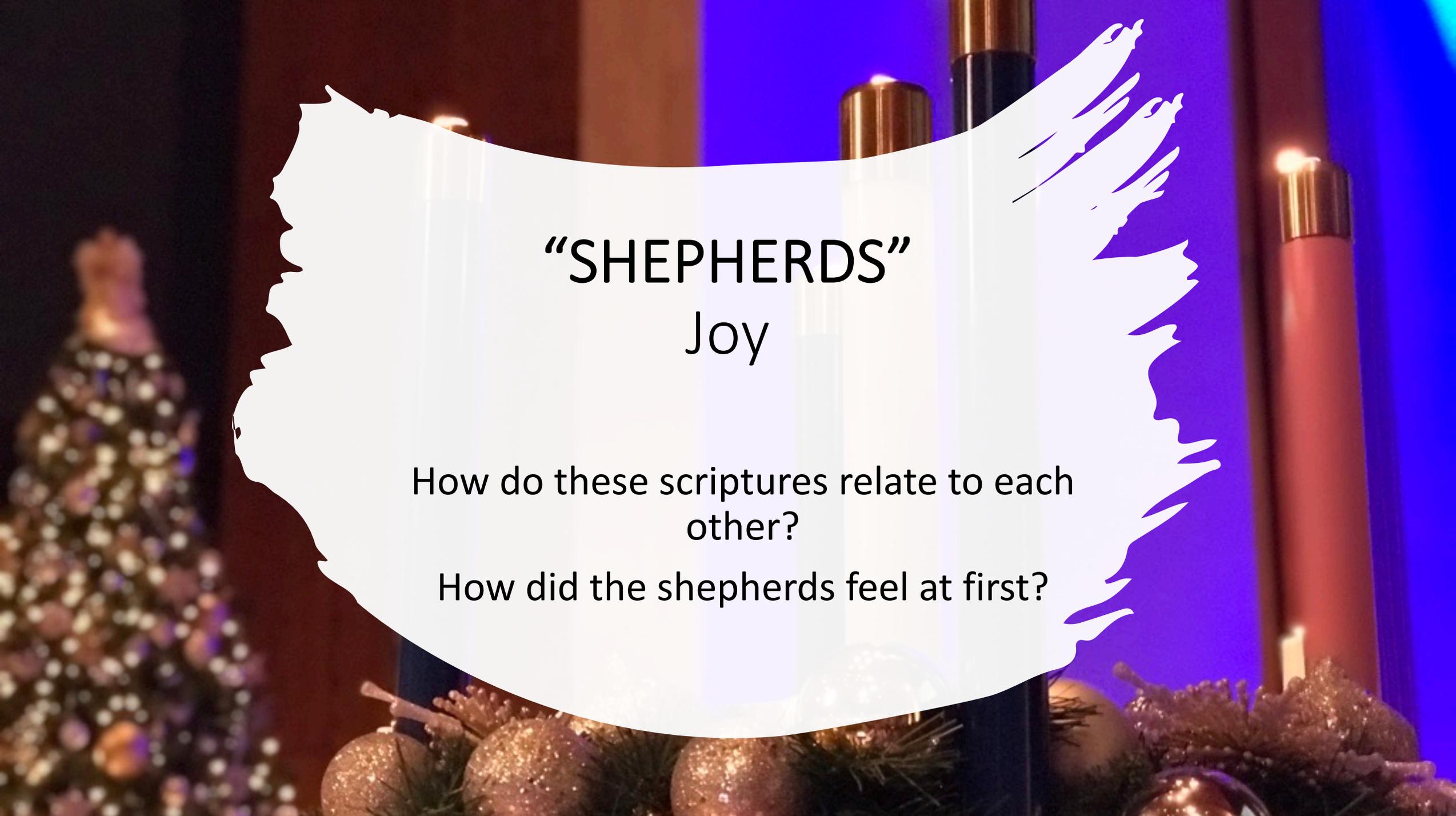
“SHEPHERDS”

Joy

READ: Isaiah 60:1-3

Luke 2:8-14

ANSWER: the following questions



“SHEPHERDS”

Joy

How do these scriptures relate to each other?

How did the shepherds feel at first?

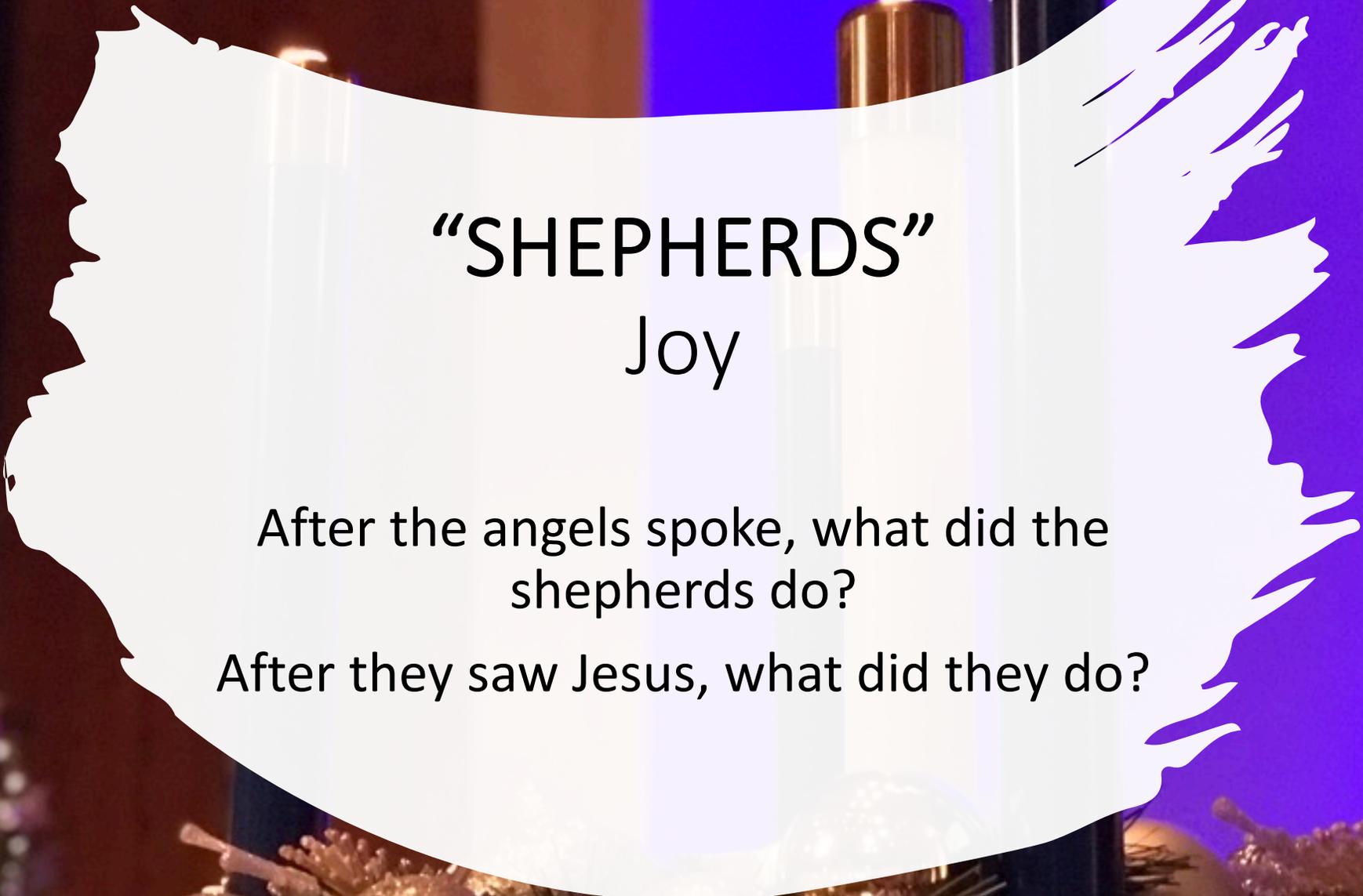


“SHEPHERDS”

Joy

When was the last time you were terrified?

Would seeing an angel terrify you?

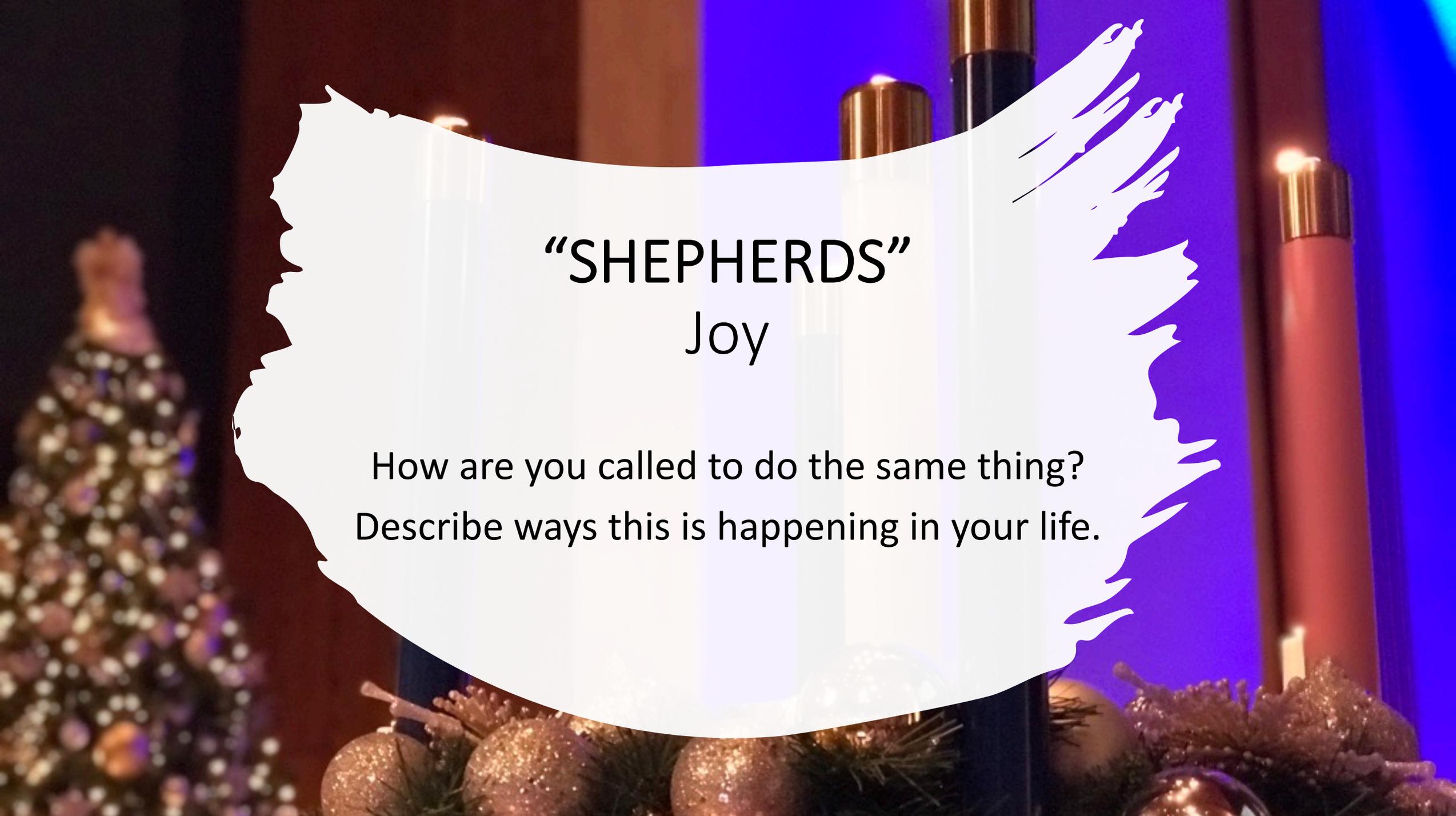


“SHEPHERDS”

Joy

After the angels spoke, what did the
shepherds do?

After they saw Jesus, what did they do?



“SHEPHERDS”

Joy

How are you called to do the same thing?
Describe ways this is happening in your life.



4th Candle Angels

Love/Behold (Blue or Purple)

4th Candle “ANGELS”

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on
whom his favor rests.” Luke
2:14



4th Candle “ANGELS”

“For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of
peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his
kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

Isaiah 9:6-7



4th Candle “ANGELS”

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:8-14





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5th Candle “The Christ Candle”

Light (White)

5th Candle "Christ"

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12**

Also see John 1 and John 3:16-21



5th Candle "Christ"

Who displayed the first Christmas tree with lights?

<https://wonderopolis.org/wonder/who-displayed-the-first-christmas-tree>



5th Candle "Christ"

What is your favorite kind of Christmas lights that hang on houses?



5th Candle "Christ"

READ: John 9:5 and compare to
Matthew 14-16

ANSWER: the following questions



5th Candle "Christ"

If Jesus is the *light of the world*, why would He say that we are the light of the world?

How does that make you feel?



5th Candle "Christ"

How are you to act as a "light of the world"?

Describe a time when you were a "light of the world."

