

Describe a situation where you felt unworthy, unwanted, unnoticed.

What was the situation and what made you feel that way?

Pastor Kyle described this Sunday that shepherds were looked down on for many reasons and one of them was because they didn't keep the religious rules. Because of this, they were alienated and looked down upon.

How have you felt this way before?

How have you possibly made others feel this way before?

While the shepherds may not have appreciated the way they were being treated, they also knew that they weren't following all the religious rules. Because of this, it created a natural barrier between them and the people who were following the rules.

How has your sin or disobedience toward God in the past put a barrier or distance between you and God?

Read: Romans 5:6-8

What difference does it make knowing that God made the first move to reconcile our relationship with Him?

Why do you think this verse says we are "powerless"? If you are struggling to answer this question, try reading Romans 7:13-25 to see if it helps.

Read: Luke 2:8-16

Why do you think the shepherds "hurried off" to see Jesus? Do you think they knew they needed a savior?

When did you come to the realization that you needed a savior? How did that realization impact you? How did it affect your relationship with Jesus?

Are there certain times in your life or certain situations where you feel more distant from God than others? If so, what are they?

Extra Reading:

- * John 3:16-21
- * Romans 10:9-10
- * Mark 2:13-17
- * Ephesians 2:1-10

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