The Day all History Changed Forever Luke 2:1-20 What is "an ____ of God"? What do God's _____ usually look like? The Setting for this Story High power & honor Low power & honor >>>> >>>> >>>> Luke 2:1-20 1-7: Jesus was born: loved yet in poverty and obscurity World versus World redeemer What you see is the _____ of what really is An oppressive decree by an occupying power brought about the fulfillment of God's _____ _____ of the world _____: wrapped in cloths; firstborn son Had _____: someone else's feeding trough Lowest _____: no room in the house for him 8-12: Angel announced Salvation to shepherds Night shepherds in the field: picture of Angel appeared with "the of the Lord" Far more _____ than for Zechariah or Mary Brought greater _____ (rightly so!) "A Savior, the Messiah, the Savior = ____: rescue people from sin & enemies Messiah = _____, God-chosen and God-sent = God Himself Sign: infant in extreme _____ 13-14: Angels of heaven filled the skies with "Heavenly host" = giant and powerful praise: angels told the wonders of God so that others would join that praise God's \longleftrightarrow among people Not separate or in _____ on earth comes from the _____ of heaven coming to earth in the Son of God Among God's chosen people (of)

15-20: Shepherds believed, _____, and worshiped evangelistically

led them to see the signs
These lowly shepherds were God's means of confirming to
the meaning of these things
They told many the and the of God
The shepherds' joy and worship showed that they had a genuine
and deep
The Rig Idea.
The Big Idea:
When the Son of God who has greatest and
entered the world
He came as a poor baby
and was announced to poor shepherds
who became God's first messengers
through worship
Application
Don't the seemingly small things in God's hands
God chooses the ' things of the world' who trust in Him
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Psalm 138:6; James 2:5-6
the, the weak, the foreign, the sick, the lonely
the apparently unskilled and
the and insignificant
Plant the " seeds" of the Kingdom of God
Mark 4:31-32
be kind, pray, trust, obey, serve, and other "" actions
God does this "to the wise"
Repent from (turn away from) our pride in values
Judging & Judging
Publicly, beginning where you are now
worship:
Praise God in the hearing of people for His and His
As an for them to join your praise
Like the angels and the
and many people the words and the actions of
God
, especially when you celebrate Christmas!
Reflection
• Where in your life are you tempted to despise "small things" in God?

- What steps can you take to give more value to God's "small things"?
- When and where can you praise God evangelistically?