

## WHITE ELEPHANT: AT CHRISTMAS TIME 12/24/2017 • Steve Hill • Luke 2:8-20



### BIG IDEA

Jesus invites spiritual outcasts.

### OUTLINE

1. Shepherds were the working class white elephants.
2. Everyone is Invited.
3. Why do people resist the invitation?
  - Scary
  - Angry
  - Not True
  - Bad Experience
4. I am Invited and I must accept.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the Christmas story impact you? In what ways does the story seem routine to you?
2. Who in the Christmas story makes the biggest impact on you besides Jesus (i.e. Shepherds, Mary, Joseph, Magi, or Herod)?
3. Everyone is invited to seek Jesus. Why might some people resist the invitation? How do we help them cross the line of faith?
4. Where do you find hope in the story of Christmas?

### NEXT STEP

- I will read the Christmas story this season with new eyes.