

Luke 2:8-20 (NIV) - From Fear to Peace

Intro – What have you feared this year?

1. Fear Not! Luke 2.9-10

If we know God's love we wouldn't need to fear

When humanity believed Satan's lie and wanted to be in charge we feared God

People are truly threatened by the presence of the holy (Tim Keller)

But because of Jesus we can have peace with God not fear

2. Make Peace Lk 2.14

This is peace with God

But we wanted independence

Jesus came to reconcile sinners to God/ make peace

Esther bridged the gap by risking her life, Jesus by giving his life

By relying on/ trusting in Jesus we gain peace with God

(Quote Tim Keller, *Hidden Christmas*)

3. Hear Well Lk 2.15, 17,19

The shepherds hear God's words through the angel believe and go.

They see the baby King and Saviour then spread the word

We too need to listen well (listen and remember, not like Dori in *Finding Nemo*)

Mary also listened well – pondering and treasuring what she was told

The call to us is to hear well, believe in Jesus and find peace