

Seize the Moment

Christmas Stories – Part 3

Life Church St. Louis – December 23, 2018

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Matthew 1:23 (ESV) “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

1. God comes to _____ people

Luke 2:8 (ESV) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 (ESV) 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.

2. Experience a _____

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:13-14 (ESV) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

3. _____ the moment

Luke 2:12 (ESV) And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:15-16 (ESV) When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

4. _____ the word

Luke 2:17-18 (ESV) And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

5. Share the _____

Luke 2:20 (ESV) And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

Seize the Moment Study Guide

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Intro. How would you explain the miracle of Christmas to someone else (Isaiah 7:14)?

In what ways is Jesus Immanuel (Matthew 1:23)?

What are some hindrances to worship during the Christmas season?

What are some opportunities to share your faith during the Christmas season?

1A. What jobs of today might be considered an equivalent to a shepherd's job in Bible times (Luke 2:8)?

1B. Why were the shepherds afraid of the angel's appearance (Luke 2:9)?

1C. Why do you think that God chose the shepherds to announce Jesus' birth?

1D. In what ways does God speak to ordinary people today?

2A. What was the good news of the angel's announcement (Luke 2:10-11)?

2B. Upon whom does God's peace rest upon according to the angels (Luke 2:13-14)?

2C. How could you prepare your heart to experience a miracle from God?

3A. Why did the angel give the shepherds a sign (Luke 2:12)?

3B. Why was it important for the shepherds to seize the moment (Luke 2:15-16)?

3C. What is the risk if you don't seize the moment when God speaks to you ((Hebrews 3:14)?

4A. Why did the shepherds tell everyone the good news (Luke 2:17-18)?

4B. What often hinders you from sharing the good news of Jesus?

5A. What impact did God's good news have on the shepherds (Luke 2:20)?

5B. How should following Jesus impact our lives today?