

Sermon Discussion Questions for December 23, 2018:

Scripture Passage: Luke 2:1-7

Don't Miss the Gospel this Christmas

1. Have you ever missed something that was important (event, responsibility, etc.)? What caused you to miss it?

 2. What was the occasion for Joseph and Mary to be in Bethlehem? A census required them to go to Joseph's home town. But we know much more was taking place than a census. Read Micah 5:2. The prophet foretold the birth of Jesus 800 years earlier. How did the people of Bethlehem miss this? Back to questions number one - How do we miss things that are important?

 3. Jesus started out His earthly life immediately faced with rejection – no room in the inn. He was rejected by his hometown, his own people, even the disciples initially abandoned him. How did Mary and Joseph deal with rejection? How did Jesus respond to rejection? (think of His statements from the cross).

 4. Jesus is the light of the world. Holidays can cause many to become stressed out and even depressed. How is your holiday season going? Do you allow the light of Jesus to stamp out the darkness of stress, anxiety, and depression?

 5. How can you shine light this Christmas season? How will you segue from the babe in the manger to the Son of man/Son of God on the Cross? Do you need the hope found only in the Savior of the world this Christmas season?
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- Remember to pray for each other's unique challenges and commit to pray throughout the week for one another.
 - Love others as Christ loves you.
 - Fill your mind and heart with the gospel of Christ Jesus.
 - Live out the gospel of Christ which calls for radical Love for God and Love for others.