



Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Joy
God's Joyful "Outside the Box" Greatest Gift

Text: Luke 2:6-20

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Big Idea: The "out-of-the-box" way God wrapped the events of the first Christmas points us to His eternal gift of truth and intended personal transformation of our lives.

The "out of the box" ingredients of God's truth about Christmas:

1) The recipients of God's "out-of-the-box" gifts.

The first recipient of the Christmas message is a declaration that no matter who you are, you matter to God.

2) The reporters of God's "out-of-the-box" gift.

3) The response to God's "out-of-the-box" gift.

God most often works through the unexpected changes in our lives, rather than through our carefully orchestrated efforts to keep everything the same!

Christmas is not about what we hope for or what we feel, but about who we continue to hope in.

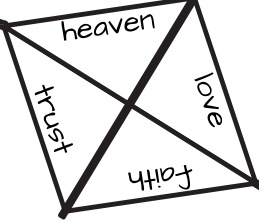
The surpassing value of Christmas is more than the wrapping of "knowing ourselves to be saved" but rather in being able to "know the Jesus who saves us."

Personal Application - Study Questions:

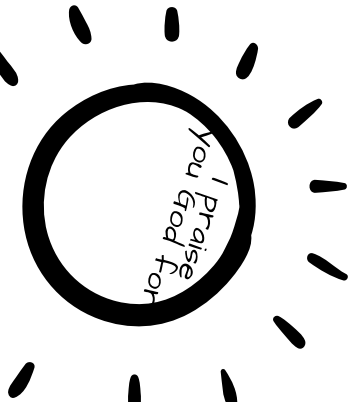
- What are some specific ways that the uniqueness of 2020 could have prepared you to make this Christmas more about Christ than about the wrappings?
- How does it affect your attitude toward others, knowing that the lesson of the shepherds means everyone matters to God?
- Name a current, personal great fear in your life. How does the Good News of the arrival of the Savior speak truth to that fear?
- God works more often through life's changes rather than through efforts to prevent them. How might that truth give me perspective about the past 12 months?

SERMON NOTES FROM HOME

How many times did you hear these words:



One of today's worship songs:



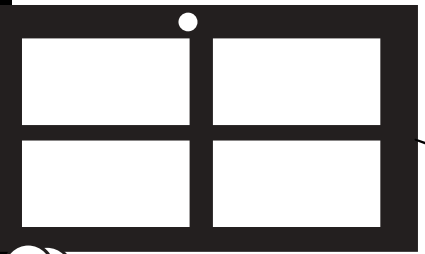
What room are you in?
 What are you sitting on?
 What do you like about worship at home?

Who is worshipping with you?

Draw you:

Pj's or dress clothes or comfy clothes??
 Are you snuggling with a blanket or a pet?

What does God want you to do?



Decorate your door:
 Something you want to ask God:

3 things you learned from today's message that will grow you closer to God!

Who do you miss?
 name

Today's Bible passage:
 book: chapter : verse

People you are praying for: 1



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