



Sunday, December 5, 2021

Advent # 2 - Peace

Title: “Personalizing Christmas”

Text: Luke 1:26-38

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Big Idea: Christmas is always best personalized by beginning with submission to God’s sovereignty.

1) Personalize Christmas with trust in God’s plans. (Luke 1:26-33)

God’s plans always lead to His perfect **purposes**.

2) Personalize Christmas with trust in God’s power. (Luke 1:34-35)

My transformed life can either be a container for God’s power or a **catch-all** for my trivia, but not both.

3) Personalize Christmas with Trust in God’s promises. (Luke 1:36-38)

The promises of God that are hardest to believe are those that take the **longest** to **fulfill**.

“Believing Jesus is = Lord” is NOT just adding Jesus **to my life**. It also means subtracting the idols **from my life**.

What might “personalizing Christmas” look like in daily life?

1) Treat each new day like God’s “mission field”.

2) Daily pray “I will submit to serving the Lord.”

3) Pray daily for wisdom to see life from God’s “forever” perspective.

Study/Application Questions and Actions:

1) Share about a time when the Christmas season became intensely personal due to some blessing or challenge in your life?

2) God has determined that every earthly event carries some eternal aspect with it. What would help believers live wisely in light of eternity?

3) Think of some Biblical examples of people (like Mary) who at first felt unqualified to serve, yet God chose them specifically.

4) Discuss the truth that my transformed life can either be a **container** for God’s power or a **catch-all** for my trivia, but not both.

5) Think of a time in your life when one of God’s promises was not fulfilled according to your preferences, but rather according to His greater purposes.

6) What specific Christmas plans could you make this year that might have eternity in mind?