SERMON SERIES: All I Want For Christmas...

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Sermon Title:

"Good News"

Introduction

These past few weeks we have been in a series called Tremors, where we discussed what it means to have a healthy and biblical understanding of our finances. Our three weeks in Tremors helped us focus on our foundation, transformation, and prioritization of our faith in Christ. Now that Thanksgiving is over, as a church we are transitioning into the Christmas season. We have a new series called All I Want For Christmas... Over the next few weeks, we'll shift our focus to the good news of Jesus and what it means for us now.

 When someone says they have good news and bad news, which do you want to hear first? Why?

Seek the Word

Read Luke 2:1-40.

- In verse 10, what is the "good news" referring to?
- Angels appeared to the shepherds to share the news of Jesus. What does this tell us about God's priorities?
- In verses 22-40, who were Anna and Simeon?
- Where in this passage do you see God's faithfulness?

Go Deeper

There are a few different accounts of the Christmas story in the Bible. Read through them and make notes on their similarities and differences. What sticks out to you about each account of the story?

Talk About It

- When was the first time you heard the good news about Jesus? How did you react?
- In what ways have you seen transformation in your life from the good news of Jesus?
- What sort of things can make sharing the Good News intimidating? How can you overcome them?
- Who in your life needs to know the good news of Jesus? How can you share it with them?

Wrap Up

Reminder: We have good news to share, and we share our faith because Jesus makes a difference.

Challenge: This week, have a conversation with someone about your faith. Focus on how your life has been transformed by Jesus; consider who you were before Him, and who you are now because of Him. If someone is not open to this conversation, spend time praying that their heart would be open to your story so that God can do the same for them.