

SERMON SERIES: All I Want For Christmas...

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Sermon Title:

“The Good News Causes Great Joy.”

Introduction

As we continue our series “All I Want For Christmas...”, we are getting close to Christmas day. Last week we talked about how the good news of Jesus brings us peace. Jesus is offering us his peace both now and in heaven one day. This week, as we continue to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas, we shift our focus to joy. The news of Jesus brings us joy, whether we are on a hill or in a valley in our life.

- What is the best news, other than the good news of Jesus, that you’ve have ever received?

Seek the Word

Read Luke 2.

- What parts of God’s character do you see in this chapter?
- What does this tell us about the priorities of people?
- What does this tell us about God’s priorities?
- How can you see the work of the Holy Spirit in this chapter?

Go Deeper

Do a short word study on the word “joy”. Ask questions like, “what did this word originally mean?” and “where else does this word appear in the Bible?” This will help you have a better understanding of “joy” in our passage.

Talk About It

- How is the joy we get from Jesus different than the joy we get from other things?
- When you are feeling discouraged, what are some ways you can remind yourself of the joy Jesus offers?
- What sort of things make it difficult to remember the joy the Good News brings?
- Is there someone you can share the good news of Jesus and the joy he brings to this week?

Wrap Up

Reminder: The Good News causes great joy!

Challenge: Set aside time to create a list of the ways you have seen God bless either you or your family this year. Then, create a list of the ways you can be a blessing to others this holiday season. Commit to following through on at least one way you can bless others.