

Sermon Notes

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Home for the Holidays (Week 4)

The Story of Christmas

How will you _____ to the _____ of _____?

Will you respond like _____?

- Push him aside
- Fear him
- Doubt him
- Run from him

Will you respond like the _____ and the _____?

- Search for him
- Praise him
- Offer him gifts
- Tell others about him

Scripture used: Matthew 1-3, Luke 1-2

Small Group Questions

1. One's perspective is the true defining aspect when we receive "news". Have you ever received news that was different than expected? Did it move from anticipated "good news" to "bad news" or the other way around? Who did you respond or adjust?
2. King Herod found the news of Jesus' birth disturbing. A new King could challenge his throne. Do you know people that reject Jesus as King because they want to be King over their own life? Have you ever experienced that feeling? How differently did the shepherds receive this news?
3. Why is the gospel called "The Good News"?
4. Are you excited about sharing "The Good News"? How do you share it? If you're not excited about "The Good News", what is lacking in your own life? Is this really good news for everyone?
5. If you have responded to the "Good News" of Jesus, how old were you? What made it real to you? Can you go back to that moment and explain how you felt?