

Sunday, December 1, 2019 - "Good News. All People - Week 2 - Good News" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 2:1-17, Colossians 1:16, Acts 17:16-18, 22-28

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Luke 2:1-17
 - The Shepherds immediately become ambassadors
 - We are called in the same way the angel called the shepherds...to give and to tell our experience
- The angel says "I bring you good news.."
- What makes good news good?
 - It offers encouragement and hope
 - Highlights events or behavior that inspires
 - It results in the betterment of others
- v11: Unto you a child is born this day in the city of David a savior who is Christ the Lord
 - THIS DAY: An actual day in history (historical fact, Jesus was actually born)
 - City of David: An actual historical place
 - Savior: we all need to be saved
 - Christ: Long awaited one, the messiah
 - Lord: ruler of all things
- Acts 17:16-18, 22-28 (Paul preaching to non-believers, preaching gospel/good news)
- The Good News
 - He made all people and gives us purpose
 - Those that seek Him will find Him
 - In Him we live and move and have our being
- in Him we LIVE (John 17:1-3)
 - We know who we are and in Him we find our purpose
 - Knowing God and Jesus = LIFE...Eternal life which is current and future
 - We have access to know God through Jesus
- ...and MOVE
 - We are called to get caught up in the movement of God
 - We tend to move on our own and chase down purpose apart from God...rather than starting with Him
- Have our BEING (in Him we ARE)
 - In Him we exist
 - "You have made us for yourself, oh Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." -Augustine
 - The idea of knowing about God vs. actually knowing Him
- What does it mean for me?
 - Some of us just need to say yes to Jesus
 - Some of us are being called to surrender areas of our lives that we haven't yet surrendered

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does Good News mean to you personally?
2. How are you doing at going to God first when thinking about your purpose and life?
3. What does it look like for you to actually know God versus just knowing about Him?
4. How is God calling you to be an ambassador of the Good News?
5. Is knowing God and Jesus your LIFE? Why or why not? How is He calling you to grow in this?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Matthew 21 Tues: Matthew 22 Wed: Matthew 23 Thurs: Matthew 24 Fri: Matthew 25

Songs from the weekend: [Joy - Hillsong Worship] - [You Are My Joy - Will Reagan] - [Hark - Hillsong Worship] - [All Hail King Jesus - Bethel Music] - [Endless Alleluia - Cory Asbury]