

Luke 2:1-17 Junior High Director-Samuel Nicholson

The good news of great joy

- God has a plan of hope that far exceeds anything humankind can come up with.

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, December 22 Sunday, December 25

Christmas is not about gifts. It's about THE gift.	notes
"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." - The Grinch	
Luke 2:1-17 1Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all <i>the people</i> were on their way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴ Now Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and was pregnant.	
In the ancient world, hope was in Caesar (humankind). - How has putting hope in humankind worked out for us?	
⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to give birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ In the same region there were <i>some</i> shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their	
flock at night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord <i>suddenly</i> stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this <i>will</i> be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."	

¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army <i>of angels</i> praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased." ¹⁵ When the angels had departed form them into heaven, the shepherds <i>began</i> saying	notes
to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem, then, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they	
came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. TWhen they had seen <i>Him</i> , they made known the	
statement which had been told them about this Child.	
Emmanuel -God is present and understanding	
"I think we could use a little Christmas this	
Christmas."Max Lucado	

GROUP DISCUSSION

Advent: The Savior is Born! Luke 2:1-17 Junior High Director- Samuel Nicholson

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion:

Read out loud: Read Luke 2 aloud.

What is a memorable Christmas gift you once received? What made it so special?

What has brought you hope in the last year?

Who has God placed in your life that needs hope? How can you point them towards God?