

**Series:** The Spirit of Christmas, Intentionally Christian at Christmas

**Sermon:** Making Jesus the Reason for your Season

**Primary Text:** 1 Corinthians 2:2; John 12:32

**Discussion guide:**

- What are some of your favorite things about Christmas time?
- Should we expect the world to honor Christ at Christmas? Why or why not?
- Is it helpful to criticize the world for not honoring Christ at Christmas? Why or why not?
- Whose responsibility is it to honor Christ at Christmas (and any time of year)?
- Why is Christmas a particularly good time of year to share the message and story of the birth of Christ?
- Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
  - What is Paul's point here?
  - Why was he so afraid? (see 2 Corinthians 11:24-29)
  - How is verse 2 the key to Paul being able to preach the Gospel effectively – despite his great fear?
  - What are some things that distract you from Jesus?
  - How can we focus more on Christ and think about Him more during the Christmas season and any other?
- Read John 12:32
  - What is Jesus' point here?
  - What is our task as His followers according to this verse?
  - How do we lift Jesus up during this time of year and any other?
    - How do we assure that we are lifting up the real Jesus – that people get an accurate view of the real Jesus?
- If we make Jesus the reason for our season how will this draw people to Christ?