

Small Group Questions

12/6.15

Dale Oquist Speaking

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. Were you ever in a Christmas program? What part did you play? Do you remember any scenes you were in or any of your lines, etc?

LOOKING BACK:

On Sunday, Dale began our month long theme of "Hope is Alive." He taught from Luke 2:1-7 which describes the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. And we learned about the key elements of this event – What does it matter that Jesus was born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago? What does it mean for people today? And then, how should we respond?

2. What is your favorite aspect of the Christmas season? Why do you think people like Christmas?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: Luke 2:1-7

3. Discuss the ways that Jesus' birth was unique and unexpected. Which of the unusual events is most intriguing to you? Why?

You've most likely seen a documentary about a person who decides to experience what it's like to be homeless, to live on the streets and to know what it feels like to face those types of obstacles.

4. What do you think it was like for God to become man and live like Jesus did? Biggest adjustments? Hardest realities? Other things?

TAKING IT HOME:

Our theme for Christmas is "Hope is Alive." God brought hope into a hopeless world through the birth of Jesus.

5. What hope does Christ's birth bring to your life? How has Jesus brought you hope in the middle of a hopeless situation?

On Sunday, Dale gave us these 3 applications:

- **Jesus is just like us** (Hebrews 4:15-16) - He felt love and betrayal, joy and pain. He knows exactly what we are feeling. He gets involved in our existence. He wants to be close to us.
 - **Jesus is different than us** (Hebrews 7:26-27) – Jesus never failed or faltered. He set an example for us and there's hope.
 - **Jesus makes us just like him** – There's nothing we have to do. What Jesus has already accomplished at the cross makes us like him and acceptable to God
6. Which of these three applications is most encouraging to you right now? Why? Knowing these truths, how do you respond?

Wednesday Nights: *Join us at Peoples Church for our ongoing classes and Bible Studies for adults, youth and children on Wednesday nights at 7p*

Christmas at Peoples Church:

- *Our Christmas production, "Hope Is Alive" will be performed on Sunday, December 20, during our regularly scheduled gatherings at 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30am, with an additional performance at 5:00pm that day.*
- *For our Christmas Eve Celebration, on Thursday, December 24, we will have 3 powerful one-hour candlelight gatherings. These will be held at 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00pm. Choir and Orchestra will participate and it will be a great time for families to celebrate this season together.*