

Prepare Him Room – Bless Your Neighbors

December 20, 2020 Message Notes LUKE 2:15. MATTHEW 2:2

God wants everyone to be part of His family. His invitation is radically inclusive. Is there someone in your life you'd like to see rescued by God's power and love? Your acts of kindness and generosity can show others the love of Jesus. Make room for others this Christmas – in your heart, your home, and your neighborhood.



NOTES

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 CORINTHIANS 9:15

"... 'they will call him Immanuel' – which means, 'God with us'."

MATTHEW 1:23

He became part of the human family so we could become part of His family by faith in Christ.

God's invitation culture is radically inclusive.

"...you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." MATTHEW 1:21

Jesus' name in Hebrew is **Yeshua**. It means to deliver, rescue, save. He came to rescue us from the penalty and power of sin.

"...during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him'."

MATTHEW 2:1-2

"As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I, too, may go and worship him." MATTHEW 2:8

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified."

LUKE 2:9

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger" *LUKE 2:10*

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." LUKE 2:14



"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about..."

LUKE 2:15

There's no person God doesn't include in the invitation list.

God shows up in unexpected ways.

Sometimes we don't see that He is answering our prayers even now.

In the everyday acts of kindness and generosity, we're showing Jesus' love.

When we love our neighbors, we're showing that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

"If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen."

1.IOHN 4:20

"And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother." 1 JOHN 4:21

Christmas teaches us that humankind is our business, God's business.

How do we 'prepare Him room'?

By making room for others – in our hearts, our homes and our neighborhoods.

Five Prayers of Blessing to pray for five neighbors on our block:

- 1. A Better 2021
- 2. Physical Health
- 3. Financial Resources
- 4. Relational Healing
- 5. Spiritual Wholeness

Ask God to show up and do what He does – save us. Help others find and follow Jesus.

