

Questions for your Family Devotions or Grace Groups:

Summary of Message; "HOPE":

HOPE LOOKS FORWARD. In this message Pastor Michael explained some historic evidence of the place and circumstances of the birth of Christ that can have some seriously wonderful ramifications on what we know to be true about Who Jesus was and Why He came. True Hope is based on where we will spend eternity because of what God has done for us by giving Jesus as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

- 1. Read Luke 2:8-18. What was something the Lord used to speak to you personally in this message?
- 2. Why do you suppose the Savior of the world was born in an obscure village, wrapped like a mummy, and laid in a manger?
- 3. Read **Genesis 35:16-21**. What similarities are there between this story and the story of Jesus' birth? What does Benjamin have in common with Jesus? [hint: **Ben-Oni** means son of my trouble. **Benjamin** = 'son of my right hand']
- 4. What effect did the angelic visit have on the shepherds? What is their reaction? What do you think they were most excited about to tell others?
- 5. Read 1 Peter 3:15. How would you describe 'the hope that is in you'?