

INTENTIONAL MESSAGE

Sermon Series : Intentional Christmas

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But the Angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you GOOD NEWS that will cause GREAT JOY for all the people” (Luke 2:10)

Luke 2:1-21

How is the Christmas story Good News?

Sin → Redemption

Guilt → Righteousness

Brokenness → Wholeness

Shame → Honor/Shame Free

Fear → Faith/Courage

Anxiety → Peace

Conflict → Reconciliation

How can we be intentional about the Christmas message?

Soaking up the message:

• PAUSE

• READ the story

- ▶ Read Luke 1-2: Who do you identify with in the story?
- ▶ Advent readings/devotional (Lectio365 app)
- ▶ Read it on Christmas morning

• WATCH the story

- ▶ BibleProject - “The Birth of Jesus” video
- ▶ RightNow Media: Gracechapelonline.org/rightnow

• SING the story (Christmas Carols)

• ATTEND

- ▶ a Christmas Eve service
- ▶ The Grotto PDX

• NOTICE

- ▶ Darkness & light - Christmas lights
- ▶ Angels/Nativities
- ▶ Gift giving - God’s generosity/the True Gift

Pouring out the message:

• INVITE

- ▶ A Christmas Eve service
- ▶ For dinner/movie. Get to know their story!

• ASK

- ▶ What is your favorite thing about Christmas?
- ▶ What is your favorite Christmas tradition?
- ▶ What is the most meaningful gift someone could give you?
- ▶ What’s the most impactful part of the Christmas story?
- ▶ If God was real, and he could come and live the earth today, what would he do?

• WRITE

- ▶ A letter expressing why Christmas matters to you
- ▶ Share your testimony in your newsletter
- ▶ Write a blessing/prayer expressing your hopes for someone

• GIVE

- ▶ A gift to your neighbors
- ▶ For someone in need
- ▶ Add to your gifts something spiritual

• SERVE

- ▶ Incarnate Christ through your actions

• SPEAK

“When the message inhabits you, you incarnate it to others.”

(see next page for Qs!)

QUESTIONS

1. What story are you living in this Christmas season?
2. What stories are the people around you living in?
3. How would spending time intentionally soaking in the message change your story?
4. What is one thing you could do to pour out the message this week?

PRAYER & UPDATES

Continue to pray for **favor** and **finalization** with the lingering processing!

- **Pray for favor and finalization with the lending process.** Pray that we would break ground in January!
- **Pray for all the people who have contributed to FTK.** Ask God to multiply what was given, and to return blessing upon those who have contributed.
- **Pray those who attend Christmas Eve service.** This is a key evangelistic opportunity. Pray for our church to extend invites, and for those who come to be led into the arms of Jesus.