



THE MEANING *of* CHRISTMAS

SUMMARY

Pastor Frank kicked off a new 3-week series entitled *The Meaning of Christmas*. In this message, we took a fresh look at Luke 1:1-38 and learned five things that Christ brought to Christmas.

1. Meaning to suffering

Zacharias and Elizabeth suffered through the pain of barrenness, but their pain wasn't random because God was at work in the midst of it. In what way(s) might this challenge the traditional view of suffering?

2. Meaning to our coincidences

It was no "coincidence" that the lot fell for Zacharias to burn incense because the angel needed to speak to him. If you can, share about a "coincidence" in your life that in hindsight was actually the providence of God.

APPLICATION

3. Meaning to our lives

John's life, though short, had meaning because he knew Jesus and made Him known. How might you orient your life around Jesus to a greater degree?

4. Meaning to the scriptures

Mary's miraculous conception of Jesus was foretold in the scriptures, thus solidifying their truthfulness. How might you continue to build your life on the truths of God's word?

5. Meaning to history

We can clearly see that God has always intervened in history. How does this fact give you confidence moving forward?

PRAYER

Pray that we'd love Jesus more as we consider his birth and life in the coming weeks.

