

HOPE IS BORN
Wander to Wonder
Luke 2
Week 2 December 8, 2019
Pastor Mike Popovich

Who will the answer life's biggest questions?
Do you have any doubt that there is evil in this world?

Most people will wander through the Christmas season and miss the wonder.
Or you can look for the wonder Christmas represents.

The Experience Of The Shepherds

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

Luke 2:8-14 NIV

The favor of God will rest on the ones who accept His invitation to relationship.

God often chooses the least of what we would value to deliver to us what is of great importance?

Three enemies of Wonder we need to confront:

1. Familiarity
We know the story. We hear it every year in some form.

Familiarity can breed indifference.

Michael Yaconelli in his book 'Dangerous Wonder' says:

The greatest threat to Christianity may be people who say they believe in Jesus but are no longer astonished and amazed at what He has done for them.

2. Discouragement
The Good News and Great Joy was because Jesus has been born.
This is a story that creates wonder.
It is easy to turn our attention to self.
3. Cynicism
This is when we make fun of someone else when they are excited about what has happened.

There is not a greater privilege then watching a person accept the work of the Holy Spirit in their life and then watching as the Holy Spirit does His work in them.

When you take the story of Jesus personally the wonder of God's love will brighten your world and give you eyes to see and ears to hear.

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