

Advent 3

Tell of His Coming

11 December 2016

God keeps **ALL** his promises

Key Passages

Isaiah 9:2

Micah 5:2

Luke 2:1-20

Thinking & talking through the bible during the week helps turn what God is saying into action steps. Here are some questions to start.

Reflection Questions:

- What questions and comments did you have about the sermon and supporting texts?

Read the **key passages** on the other side.

- Summarize what they say.
- What does the historical grounding in these verses say to you?
- Why do you think our culture ignores history? Why do you think western Christians often ignore the Jewishness of Jesus?
- Why do we often ignore the fact that Joseph and Mary
 - were poor;
 - were from an insignificant town;
 - were not people of position;
 - were away from home;
 - [if we can jump ahead in the story] became refugees?
- Who are you ignoring, writing off, paying little attention to?
- We often don't respond in worship, because...
 - 1) we are ignorant about what God has promised;
 - 2) we don't think we really need the promises of God.

Agree/disagree? Why/why not?

Which one impacts you, most? In what way?

- The angels announced "*Good news, great joy for all people*" Do we really believe this? Do we exclude some people from this offer? Who and why?
- Why don't we like to admit we don't have all the answers?
- Why is saying "*I don't know*" important?

Living it Out

- Write a promise of God on the board in the OCC entrance way. Post a picture with #promise.
- Sign up to be part of Mary & Joseph's Amazing Journey thru Orillia. Post a picture with #noroomattheinnproject.
- Pick up or download our Advent Guide.
- Invite someone to Christmas Eve 4:30pm | 6:45pm
- Pray for people in your circle regularly (daily) between now and the end of the year... that God would open their hearts to understand and believe and respond. Look for opportunities to speak Gospel truth into their lives.

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