Pastor: Guy MESSAGE NOTES

Topic: The Power of Yes



Bible Passage: Luke 2:6-20, John 1:29, John 3:16, James 4:8

NOTES
When we lose our awe of God it is because we have lost touch with Him.
2 Main Points
Good News needs to be shared!  Jesus is a source for both joy & peace.

## Beginners Bible Reading Plan- Read One Chapter A Day

- 1. The Gospel of John- 3 times
- 2. The Gospel of Matthew
- 3. The Gospel of Mark
- 4. The Gospel of Luke
- 5. James
- 6. Proverbs
- 7. The New Testament (Matthew through Revelation)

## TAKE ACTION

How will I incorporate prayer in my life?

**Gather-** Join a group - foxriver.cc/groups

Grow- Begin a Daily Rhythm of Bible Reading & Prayer- Youversion.com

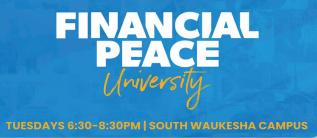
Give- Ask God, How can I honor you in the giving of my time & finances.

**Go-** I will pray by name for \_\_\_\_\_\_ to come to know Jesus.

















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The great learning tool – Why - Jesus asked over 300 questions

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:6-7

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

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:8-20

1. Why announce Jesus birth solely to shepherds?

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29

- 2. Why were they in the fields?
  - ? December 25<sup>th</sup> ?
  - Sol Invictus (Unconquered Sun)

God doesn't give us the date of Christmas, just the event of it!

- 3. Why did angels appear?
  - Good news needs to be shared!

Jesus will be a source for joy and peace both which they didn't have and really needed

- 4. Why more angels?
  - 'Plé thos' plethora
  - Host majority of heaven '
- 5. Why were they afraid?
  - The better question why aren't we?!

When we lose our awe of God it is because we have lost touch with Him.

We may be in touch with Jesus as Savior and out of touch with Jesus our Christ (King) and Lord (God).

The further from God the greater the 'meh' factor: the closer to "the lesser"

## Take action

- 1. Challenge of Shepherds: Share you good news
- 2. Challenge of Jesus Keep asking questions

  Receive For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

3. Challenge of Angels – lose your 'meh'

And when you draw close to God, God will draw close to you.

James 4:8a TLB