

SEEING GOD'S GLORY = JOY

Luke 2:1-20

FROM LOWLY CRIB TO RISEN CROSS

Luke 2:1-7 // Philippians 2:6-11

Although Jesus was God Almighty, He became poor, was born a helpless baby, then grew up emptying himself, by taking the form of a servant. Throughout His life Jesus perfectly reflected the glory of God, His Father. He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. And now, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, and now there is Not One person that will not see the Glory of God. It will either be in this life on earth or in Heaven kneeling before Him, saying Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

"From Jesus' birth, the cross cast its shadow ahead of him."

John Stott

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

Luke 2:8-11

Does God want us to be happy? Most definitely! What is the chief in of man?

- Glorify God and enjoy Him forever!
- Psalms 37:4 says, "**Delight** yourself in the Lord"

What has God provided to make us happy?

- Himself! Seeing God's glory equals joy and happiness!
- The Good News of Great Joy!

CALLED TO SHARE THE GLORY OF GOD

Luke 12:20 // Mark 16:15

Are you sharing the Good News of Great Joy with your friends and family? If not, why? Are you seeing the Glory of God? If not, what are you looking at? What are you facing?

We cannot reflect the Glory of God to the world without seeing it ourselves. We will not be excited, joyful of happy about the Good News if it doesn't sound like Good News. How can the "Good News of Great Joy" daily keep sounding like good news?

"If you ask me, 'Doesn't the world need to see Christians as happy in order to know the truth of our faith and be drawn to the great Saviour? my answer is 'Yes, yes, yes!' and they need to see that our happiness is the indomitable work of Christ in the midst of our sorrow."

John Piper

NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Most of our **Community Groups** will not be meeting as we approach Christmas, but we'd like to give you a few things you can have as part of your daily time with the Lord.

- Go more in depth in the Sermon Notes, going through the verses and reflecting on them as you would in your **Community Group**. Use the cross references or commentary in your bible or Study Bible to help you further your study.
- With this Advent season upon us, this will be a great time to go through an Advent Devotional if you already are not. This devotional was taken from **Pastor John Piper's Desiring God** website. As you read each verse, spend time in prayer asking God to show you His great mercy, love and joy.
- **December 6: Peace to Those with Whom He's Pleased (Luke 2:12-14)**
- **December 7: Messiah for the Magi (Matthew 2:1-2)**
- **December 8: Bethlehem's Supernatural Star (Matthew 2:2)**
- **December 9: Two Kinds of Opposition to Jesus (Matthew 2:3)**
- **December 10: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh (Matthew 2:10-11)**
- **December 11: Why Jesus Came (Hebrews 2:14-15)**
- **December 12: Replacing the Shadows (Hebrews 8:1-2)**
- **December 13: The Final Reality Is Here (Hebrews 8:1-2)**
- **December 14: Making It Real for His People (Hebrews 8:6)**
- **December 15: Life and Death at Christmas (John 10:10)**
- **December 16: God's Most Successful Setback (John 17:18)**
- **December 17: The Greatest Salvation Imaginable (Jeremiah 31:31)**
- **December 18: The Christmas Model for Missions (John 17:18)**
- **December 19: Christmas Is for Freedom (Hebrews 2:14-15)**
- **December 21: The Birth of the Ancient of Days (John 18:37)**
- **December 22: That You May Believe (John 20:30-31)**
- **December 23: God's Indescribable Gift (Romans 5:10-11)**
- **December 24: The Son of God Appeared (1 John 3:7-8)**
- **December 25: Three Christmas Presents (1 John 3:7-8)**

For more daily readings from John Piper, such as a daily devotional App and a **free e-book** that corresponds with this devotional for Advent, go to

www.desiringgod.org/books/good-news-of-great-joy



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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