

Summary of Expectant Series

Joseph and the High Road (Matthew 1:18-25)

1. Godly living seeks others well-being.
2. God always supplies what is needed for obedience.
3. Obedience to God precedes blessing.
4. Personal faith is tested in private moments.

Mary: "How can this be?" (Luke 1:26-56)

1. God can use anyone.
2. Mary's faith is grounded and she believes immediately.
3. Mary celebrates in community (with Elizabeth).
4. Mary understood blessing and worships God.
5. A reminder for us to be expectant.

The Shepherds: Afraid of the Light? (Luke 2:8-20)

1. The first words spoken to the Shepherds is "Fear not!"
2. From the beginning of humanity (Adam and Eve), we have attempted to hide from God's presence in fear; attempting to create our own importance and meaning apart from Him.
3. God's desire is that we live out authentic and intimate life without fear, admitting our failures and problems.
4. When we behold the good news of Christ our fear subsides and is replaced with great joy.
5. We can navigate life without fear and being a fraud by pondering and accepting the Gospel, which conquers any fear that captivates us.

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The Magi: The First Star Trek?

I want to be _____!

This Christmas, do I really want to...

1. _____ where Christ is and _____ him?

[The Magi] asked, "Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him." *Matthew 2:2*

2. Work at _____ things about _____?

Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. *Matthew 2:7*

3. Be _____ when God _____?

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. *Matthew 2:10*

4. _____ and give Christ _____?

On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. *Matthew 2:11*

5. Change _____ as God _____?

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. *Matthew 2:12*

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Today I attended the service at:

- 9.30am 11.30am 5pm

On the:

- 1st Floor 2nd Floor

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