

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Advent Series: "Searching for Christmas"

Fourth Sunday of Advent



"Searching for Christmas Joy"

Are you a person of "only ifs" or "as long as?" What would others say?

Micah 5:2 describes the coming of the Messiah in an unlikely place. Where would your unlikely place be this year for Jesus to show up? Do I expect that he could?

In vs.9,10, God's glory shines through the angels to the shepherds as they lived in their normal world. Where does god's glory need to shine for you today?

Vs. 9,10 describe the message brought by the angels as, "Good news of great (overwhelming) joy." How can God overwhelm you this year? Are you ready to receive great joy even though it may show up in small ways? How?

In v.9 the angels command the shepherds, "Stop being afraid!" This is the third time in the Nativity account people are commanded to cease their fear in light of God's action. Where would God have you to cease your fears this season? What's holding you back?

Read Isaiah 53:2. The prophet reminds us that there will be nothing about Jesus' appearance that will naturally draw us to him. The birth in the manger demonstrates that fact. Where have I overlooked trying to find Jesus this season?

Luke 2:14 says, "A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord." Is Jesus your Savior? How do you know? When was the last time you thanked God for that gift?

Luke 2:17 says the shepherds were amazed by what they saw. Am I still amazed? To whom have I shared what has been said to me?
