

Sermon Notes

"Amazed at the Things Said About Him"

Luke 2:33, Various texts

December 18, 2016

Introduction:

- c. What does Simeon have to say about the child (2:30-35)? What of his prophecy and warning is still true today?

5. What reactions do you see among those who learned the true identity of this child?

6. In what ways can you renew your enthusiasm for the message of Jesus' birth?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Steve and Erin Voss - Expeditions Unlimited, Baraboo, WI
Pray for the staff at Expeditions Unlimited as God continues to change lives and use Expeditions Unlimited as an instrument for his Kingdom.

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 12-18-16

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 108-112.

Getting Started:

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being “ho-hum boredom” and 5 being “startled wonder,” how would you rate your emotional response to the story of Jesus’ birth *this* Christmas season? Why do you think that is the case?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Luke 1:26-38.
 - a. How did Gabriel describe the child that would be born to Mary (1:31-33)?
 - b. What title would Jesus have (1:32)? How does the angel explain that title (1:35)?

- c. Why did Gabriel mention Elizabeth’s pregnancy to Mary (1:36-37; see 1:7,24-25)? How does this exemplify that “nothing is impossible with God”?
 - d. How has the fact that “nothing is impossible with God” taken root in your life?
3. Read Luke 2:8-20.
 - a. Who did the angel say the newborn child really was (2:11)? What is the significance of each of the titles listed?
 - b. What does it mean that Mary “treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart” (2:19)?
 4. Read Luke 2:21-35.
 - a. Who is Simeon and how does Luke describe him (2:25-32)?
 - b. What special significance did Christ’s arrival have for Simeon (2:26-29)?