

CELEBRATION IN A SEASON OF SUFFERING

MESSAGE 2: HOW TO HOLD YOUR HOPE, LUKE 2:8-20

THESIS

Our hope is founded in and built on the _____
_____.

Definitions

- *Hope* is not only about living in the moment, but living in anticipation of tomorrow while you are _____
_____.
- *Keep the faith* means to _____
_____ even when what is seen does not provide evidence for what God has said
- *To ponder* means to _____
_____, to consult and consider, to aid understanding by joining together

TODAY'S MAJOR POINTS

1 Our faith is not merely a religion that reminisces about the past, but a relationship with Christ which _____.

2 Open your mind to the creative ways you can close the door on "Christmas-as-usual," and _____
_____.

KEY PASSAGES

Luke 2:8-20

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

2 Cor 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

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Dec 20	Handling Heartbreak During Holidays, <i>Matt 1:18-25</i>
Dec 24	An Extraordinary Message on an Ordinary Night, Christmas Eve Candlelighting at Home <i>Luke 2:8-20</i>
Dec 27	Mission Focus 2021 Sunday, Monday, Wednesday Nights

OUTLINE LUKE 2:8-20

I. THE CHORUS OF PRINCES FROM HEAVEN, 8-14

- A. Shepherds Watch Before It, 8
- B. Shepherds Wonder at It, 9-14
 - 1. Shepherds Reassured, 9-10
 - 2. Savior Revealed, 11-12
 - 3. Seraphs Rejoiced, 13-14

II. THE CONDUCT OF PEOPLE ON EARTH, 15-20

- A. Witness, 15-16
- B. Wonder, 17-21
 - 1. How People Reacted, 17-18
 - 2. How Mary Ruminated, 19
 - 3. How Shepherds Returned, 20

The World's 3 P's

- Pandemic
- Protests
- Politics

The Devil's 3 P's

- People
- Pain
- Problems

God's 3 P's

- **Purpose** – Christlikeness in Christless people
- **Proclamation** – the gospel of his grace
- **Process** – every-member ministry running on the rails of our relationships to make disciples of Jesus

HOW TO HOLD YOUR HOPE OUT TO OTHERS

1. Put your hope _____, 8-11
2. Ponder the _____, 19
 - A. They _____ on their journey
 - B. It was a journey _____, Micah 5:2
 - C. There was _____ to this new birth, Isa 9:6; 2 Cor 8:9
3. Prepare them for a _____, 15-18
 - A. Begin _____, 8-9
 - B. Begin _____, 10-12
 - C. Begin _____, 15-18
 - D. Begin _____, 20

THREE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

PRAY || DONATE || DELIVER: Our HarvestKids are calling us to deliver Love Packages to HBC members who are not attending in-person by members who are, and join them in a chain-link ministry to love and serve. Join us **tonight at 5:30** for our #feedyoursoul prayer service to help pack the boxes and Christmas Eve Candlelighting Kits.

MISSION FOCUS 2021: We have a select team from Wyldewood Baptist Church who will be challenging us to develop our evangelism counterpart to discipleship. They will train us in how to have evangelistic small groups we are calling Harvest Teams. We will have a three night "install" of the Biblical Philosophy of Evangelism (Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, **December 27-30, 2020**). Also a day for you to take our guests shopping and to lunch to show our love (on Tuesday supported by our FOCUS fund offering).

FURTHER DEVELOP YOUR LIFESTYLE OF FAITH: Whether you are new to the Bible or have been in the Word for years, we have a place for you to grow and people willing to help your spiritual growth.

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