

MESSAGE NOTES

ANTICIPATION

JOY IN THE WAITING

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Luke 2:8-20

AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

They learned that God's love is available to all.
(8-14)

They learned that God's love is available only through an encounter with Jesus!
(10-14)

They learned that you must respond personally to the invitation of God.
(15-16)

They learned that an encounter with Jesus changes the way you live.
(17-20)

the one thing:

What is your next step?

Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.

TAKING IT HOME NOTES

FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

1

KEEPING IT REAL

You're in a new group of people. You hear the leader say, "We're going to start with an icebreaker." What's your first thought in anticipation?

2

LOOK AT THE BOOK

Discuss the following individual backgrounds, emotions and perspectives as each biblical character anticipates meeting Jesus. What are the common threads amongst their stories? Luke 2:8-20; 7:36-50; and 19:1-10.

3

Read Psalm 139. In your own words, write five facts from this psalm about God and His relationship with you.

4

THE NEXT STEP

Pray Psalm 139 each day and anticipate His promises for you and your loved ones. As you are praying the psalm...try inserting your name, or a loved one's, in place of the "me," "my" or "I."

NEXT STEPS

- Pray daily for a friend who needs to encounter Jesus.
- Take a friend out for _____ who needs to encounter Jesus.
- Have a faith conversation with a friend.
- Tell a friend about an encounter you had with Jesus.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

BIG TREE CHRISTMAS PARTY	14
FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING	18-25
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT 10:30, 4 & 6 PM	24
CHRISTMAS DAY (NO SERVICES)	25
CHRISTMAS RECESS (OFFICE CLOSED)	26-30

JANUARY

FAMILY SUNDAY (ONE 9 AM SERVICE)	1
NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	2
CATALYST ALL SMALL GROUP LEADERS' TRAINING	4
DISTRICTS YOUTH CONFERENCE	6-8
USED BOOKS AND MEDIA DRIVE	8-27
WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY TRIMESTER 2 BEGINS	11
PARENT SUMMIT WITH GREG SPECK	14
WAYPOINT: BASICS	15
COMMUNITY BIBLE EXPERIENCE READING BEGINS	16
QUEST 56 WINTER EVENT	19