

Christmas Week

Life Steps | December 23, 2018

Monday

Matthew 1:18-25

What is your favorite unexpected detail in the Christmas story? What is one unexpected way God has worked in your life lately? What do you learn about Joseph from these verses? How does Joseph challenge and or encourage you?

Tuesday

Luke 2: 1-14

Why do you think the message of Jesus birth comes to shepherds of all people? Why do you think Jesus is born in a stable with a manger for a bed? What do the names for Jesus in verse 11 say about his true identity? In vs 14, the angels praise God and pray a blessing over the world. Journal your own prayer of praise and blessing over your family.

Wednesday

Philippians 4:10-13

Since the beginning of time human beings have been in the endless, relentless pursuit of more, believing that more would eventually satisfy. Define contentment. What would contentment look like in your relationship with God, with your spouse or family, your work, your finances and your health?

Thursday

Psalms 113

Of the three reasons given for praising the Lord, which one seems most significant to you today? Why? How do verses 7-9 highlight God's compassion? How have you been the object of God's compassion? Who do you know that might need a little compassion today?

Friday

Galatians 5:19-21 | Romans 10:9-13

We learned during Christmas Eve worship that there are many things that cause a person's life to sink: rebellion, greed, hate, runaway ambition, anger, envy, fear, despair, shame, hopelessness and others mentioned in this passage. Which give you the most trouble? Reach out to God and ask for help.

Saturday

Isaiah 6

Considering our five senses, what does Isaiah see, hear, taste, touch and smell? Who is God revealed to be in his Vision? Spend some time in prayer, reflecting upon who God is to you and then ask God to send you to someone who needs an experience of his love and grace. Record any God nudges you receive and how you are going to act.

Sunday

John 1:1-18

There are several big ideas in this passage. Which two stand out to you the most and why? What does it mean to you to be a child of God? As you think about 2019, where do you most desire to grow so that you are becoming more and more like Jesus?