

SERMON NOTES

DELIVERING
THE GIFT OF HOPE
AT CHRISTMAS

Week 1 (November 29): "Jesus Reconciles" Luke 2:8-11

I.	lesus Was Sent for All People
	A. The question we are looking at in this series is " was Jesus sent to
	this earth to live as one of us?"
	B. Jesus comes to the unsuspecting, unqualified and
	C. Jesus was sent for people.
II.	lesus Was Sent to Reconcile
	A. Luke tells us that Jesus was born a
	B. In the presence of Jesus, Peter became aware of his nature.
	C. Jesus was sent to us with God.
III.	Being Sent
	A. The ones to whom Jesus was sent became the ones who were to
	bring Jesus to others.
	B. We are God's strategic plan to give the world
	C. This week prayerfully consider the question "where am I being?"
	Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

One of the unique things Christians believe is that God became one of us. And every December we celebrate this event. For thirty years he lived undercover as a carpenter, surfaced as a miracle worker and rabbi for three years, and allowed himself to die in the most degrading way imaginable. He came as one of us but was treated as less than one of us. So the question we have to ask is "why in the world would God do that?"

Monday: Luke 2:8-20

The heavenly assembly praised God to the lowly shepherds, whose hearts were open to hear their message. Imagine yourself hearing these familiar words for the first time, as the shepherds did. Heard that way, is this message joyous news for you? What are your reasons for your answer?

Tuesday: Matthew 1:18-24

The angel tells Joseph to name the baby Jesus because he will save people from their sins. When you hear the term sin, what comes to mind?

Wednesday: Luke 5:1-11

In Luke 5:8 Peter says to Jesus "Go away from me Lord, I am a sinful man!" Why was Peter not okay with himself? When did it first dawn on you that you need a savior?

Thursday: Romans 3:23-24

What does Paul say is the result of not living up to the Glory of God? Who does this affect? How is it good news?

Friday: Luke 2:16-18

When the unsuspecting, unqualified, undeserving people of God realize that God has sent Jesus to them, they go and tell others. So where are you being sent to bring Jesus to others?

MOVING FORWARD

The good news becomes good when we recognize we're not all that good. This is the invitation Jesus gives everyone because He was sent to reconcile all people with God. We all have the same opportunity to reclaim peace with God and find hope. And once we find hope, we are then sent to bring Jesus and hope to others. This week ask God where you are being sent?

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) why, B) undeserving, C) all. IIA) savior, B) sinful, IIC) reconcile. IIIA) sent, B) hope, C) sent.