

Hope Chapel Series: “Practice Christmas Like Jesus” Part 1

Message Summary: Everyone has unique Christmas traditions and practices. It’s these traditions that often make the holidays unique and special. But what if we also thought about practicing Christmas like Jesus? What do I mean? Well, He is the One who started the whole thing. We are celebrating His birth. What if we looked at the entire Christmas story from a different perspective? Not only are we celebrating Jesus’ arrival, but what about the example He set. What if we look at the Christmas story as something to follow not only something to celebrate? For the next few weeks, we are going to look at the biblical principles behind the Christmas story and try to follow this example ourselves. Jesus did say “follow Me”.

Practice “Going” This Christmas

1. Jesus “Going” in Five Ways - John 1:10-14

- A. The Creator of the universe came to the world He created - v.10**
- B. The Creator of the universe came to the people He created - v.11**
- C. The Creator of the universe came to rescue His creation - v.12-13**
- D. The Creator of the universe became human - v.14**
- E. The Creator of the universe made His home among us – v.14**

2. Practice “Going” like Jesus this Christmas - Mark 16:15

- A. Are you willing to go and step out of what is familiar?**
- B. Are you willing to go in the direction of a need?**
- C. Are you willing to go make a difference with sacrifice?**
- D. Are you willing to go and humble yourself to meet a need?**
- E. Are you willing to go and be close enough to the needs of others?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – *All LifeGroups are on Holiday Break / Starting up again January 24th*

Begin It (5min) – Open Prayer & Praise

Open it (10min) – Share a generosity story of your own that you either witnessed, took part in, or were recipient of.

Explore It (60min) - Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the five ways Jesus came into this world. Which of the five ways impacts you the most; or amazes you the most what Jesus did?
2. Since following Jesus is a “going” lifestyle, discuss each of the five ways given how we can go this Christmas.

Apply It (15min): What is one thing you can do this Christmas to keep going like Jesus did?