

“Making A Difference” Holiday Series

Message Summary: Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly man in Charles Dickens's 1843 novel, A Christmas Carol, popularized this negative sentiment about Christmas. Humbug is an old English word meaning "nonsense." He didn't have room for Christmas in his life. He's not alone. When Jesus was born there were some who missed the significance of that monumental event and they missed it for different reasons. Let's meet them in today's message and see what made them miss Christmas.

Cameos of Christmas, Bah, Humbug!

1. Preoccupied Businessman – Inn Keeper

Luke 2:1-7

- A. No room for the real Christ in our own crowded life. Bah, Humbug!

2. Paranoid Politician – King Herod

Matthew 2:1-12, 16-18

- A. Herod-types – Claim to worship Christ, but afraid to give God ultimate control of their life. Bah, Humbug!

3. Passive Theologians – Religious Leaders

Matthew 2:4-6

- A. Failure to move forward from knowing about Christ to experiencing Him personally. Bah, Humbug!

4. Provision for Everyone – Gift of Eternal Life

Ephesians 2:8,9

- A. God's grace provides everything through the sacrifice of Jesus, so God's grace mixed with man's faith brings salvation. Halleluiah!

All Hope Chapel LifeGroups are on Holiday break.

Self reflection questions:

1. How do you celebrate Christmas now compared to when you were a child?
2. What are some ways people today crowd Christ out with their busy lifestyle?
3. What did God reveal to you in the sermon?
4. How will you apply this new understanding to your life?
5. Have you ever given testimony that Jesus Christ is your Savior?

Lord, I give You my life. I know that I'm a sinner please forgive me. I believe that Jesus was born, that He died on the cross, that He shed His blood for my sin. And that He rose from the dead. I turn from my sin, I turn to you, into Your grace, and Your mercy. I receive You as my Savior. Help me to live for You as Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.