LIFE TEAM NOTES: God With Us wk 1

* What is your favorite gift you ever received at Christmas?
* Have you ever left a gift un-opened? Why?
* If a gift you put a lot of heart into and gave was left un-opened, re-gifted, or thrown away - how would that make you feel?

This Sunday we talked about how Christmas is good news!

Looking back over your sermon notes, which particular point or passage of Scripture most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

* What's the greatest news you ever received?
* What made it so great?

**MY STORY**

It’s no surprise that most of us at times wish God would do certain things or be someone different than He really is. Complete the following sentence:

“In all honesty, at times I wish God would be or do…”

**JESUS CLAIMED TO BE GOOD NEWS TO THE**

Luke 4:18-21

1. What four people is Jesus good news for?

Poor

Prisoners

Blind

Oppressed

* What do those things mean literally and figuratively?

2. Jesus has good news for us all. Looking back at your spiritual journey, which of the four mentioned do you relate to the most and why?

* What has God promised for us?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

* The main points or reasons for Christmas are…

**\* Christmas is Good news**

* + What is the good news of Jesus?

All of us dead in our sin can be made alive and in Christ.

**The Good news is not rituals, morality, or good deeds**

* + What has Jesus done for us?

Titus 3:3-7, Acts 5:42, Matthew 4:23, Luke 4:43, 1 Peter 3:18

**\* Christmas tells us who Jesus is**

* + Who is Jesus?

Matthew 1:13, Mark 1:1, Colossians 1:15-20

**\* Christmas fulfills our desire and need for a savior**

* + Do we need a savior? Why?
  + Is the world looking for a savior?

**\* Christmas requires a response**

* + Are we automatically good with God? Why, why not?
  + How are we to respond to Christmas' good news?
* What do the following verses tell you about our response?

Psalm 86:5, Romans 1:16, Romans 10:13, Acts 2:21, Acts 2:38, Acts 20:21

1 Corinthians 1:18, Mark 1:15, Romans 10:9-11

* Notice the word "if" in some of the verses. What happens if we don't "if"?

The unbeliever is invited to turn to Jesus

The believer to called declare the good news of Jesus

* How can we live out the good news to others?
* How can you share your faith this Christmas?
* What are some ways you can start a conversation about Jesus with others?

Take a few minutes and talk to God. Thank Him for what He has done for you. Ask Him to help you understand how you might share the “Good News” with others.

**(On your own** - 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:5, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13)