

e. Go \_\_\_\_\_

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

3. It's a Story of \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us **now** go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came **with haste**, and **found** Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

b. \_\_\_\_\_

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

c. \_\_\_\_\_

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

- Your spirit is a testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christianity in your life.

## THE REST OF THE STORY

MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

**Luke 2:1-20** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Tonight, I want us to see The Rest of the Story.

## 1. It's a Story of \_\_\_\_\_

### a. In the \_\_\_\_\_

1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

- We don't have to have all the \_\_\_\_\_, we must trust that He does.

### b. In the \_\_\_\_\_

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

### c. In the \_\_\_\_\_

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son...

- A good goal for the New Year to read through the \_\_\_\_\_ with the church.
- Make the Bible part of your \_\_\_\_\_ life, not just a section of time each day.

### d. In the \_\_\_\_\_ away

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

- Jesus was rejected in the \_\_\_\_\_, as he would be at the \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. It's a Story of \_\_\_\_\_

### a. Get \_\_\_\_\_

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: ...

- The peace of God comes through \_\_\_\_\_.
- We know nothing of \_\_\_\_\_ **peace** until we have experienced \_\_\_\_\_ **peace**, through Christ.

### b. Good \_\_\_\_\_

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy...

- The good news is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The really good news of Christmas is not the \_\_\_\_\_ but the eventual \_\_\_\_\_.

### c. Great \_\_\_\_\_

10 I bring you good tidings of great joy...

- **The joy most people experience at Christmas is something that we as Christians should experience** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Being joyful shouldn't be \_\_\_\_\_, not having joy should be.

### d. Global \_\_\_\_\_

10 ...which shall be to all people.

- We call Christ's command to spread the Gospel the great \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joy comes in giving of \_\_\_\_\_ and we can give the ultimate gift year-round.
  - It's the only gift you can \_\_\_\_\_ that you still \_\_\_\_\_!