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Small Group Homework

For the week of: December 10, 2017

Speaker: Pastor Linn Winters

"Not Room at the Inn"

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Are you a Christmas song friend or foe?

What Christmas song do you think captures the Christmas story best?

2. Has there ever been a moment in your life, that after looking back, you wish you would have made a different choice?

Name a few opportunities you have missed because you were just not paying close enough attention?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read the Christmas story found in Luke 2:1-7. While there are many lessons to be gleaned from the Christmas story, Linn focused on the Inn Keepers. Why did the Inn Keepers seem to completely miss the greatest story ever told as it was playing out?

Why do you think so many people in our culture today also miss the Christmas story every year?

What must we do to avoid being an "Inn Keeper" ourselves?

2. Read Luke 18:18-25. Linn stated that the success of this rich ruler (not his wealth) was a stumbling block for him. His success did not make it impossible to follow Jesus just much more difficult. Other than success, what are some other stumbling blocks we find in our own life and culture that make it difficult to follow Jesus?
3. In our culture today, we often hear the phrase, "The reason for the season is Jesus." However, Jesus has always been here. He is eternal. The reason for the season is actually "sin." Read Matthew 1:18-21.

What does vs 21 say is the reason for Jesus coming to earth?

If we miss this message in vs 21, we, like the Inn Keepers, will miss the very miracle of the Good News. Read Psalm 51:7-12. Here, King David understands his need for a savior. If we want to get the most out of Christmas, what in verses 10-12 should we make our focus?

TAKING IT HOME

What needs to be different in my life to make sure Christ is a priority in everything I do this next year?

Prayer Requests:

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