

Good News of Great Joy

“Do not be afraid” is the most repeated command in the Bible. God said it to Abraham, He said it to Joshua, and Jesus said it to His disciples. But in the Christmas story, God chose a unique way to deliver this message to three people navigating a unique situation. What can we learn from the Messenger?



STARTER QUESTION

Summarize this morning's message in six life-changing words.

DISCUSSION

1. In what ways do you relate to the message? In what ways does it challenge you? Are there spiritual adjustments you need to make based on what you've learned?
2. Research other stories and scripture passages that address today's topic. How do they support or contradict today's teaching and/or scripture passage? If they contradict, how can you reconcile them into a unified truth? State that truth in one or two sentences.
3. How do you think a contemporary worldview would respond to this morning's message? Explain your reason. How would you respond to that worldview from a scriptural point of view?
4. What was one insight you gleaned from today's sermon? How is it significant to living the Christian life? How do you plan to implement it in your life?
5. Re-read the scripture passage(s) from today's message. What additional points can be made from the text?
6. Based on the biblical passage(s) discussed in the sermon this week, can you think of any other biblical passages that parallel the sermon text? How are the two similar? How are they different?

PRAYER

Close in prayer for the Christmas season, that we may experience the things we've gleaned from this series during our Christmas celebrations and the year ahead.