



December 18th-25th, 2011

The Christmas Story



It's been said that all truth is God's truth. Every good story that resonates with us points to GOD'S story. Each year we return to our favorite Christmas programs and this year we want to approach them looking for echoes of THE Christmas story. As you watch your favorite Christmas programs this year, let the daily Scripture readings and those shows get stirred up together so that all our favorite Christmas stories become lenses through which we can be reminded of THE Christmas story and see Jesus a little bit clearer.

o Sunday 12.18.11		Revelation 2.1-5
o Monday 12.19.11		Psalm 150
o Tuesday 12.20.11		Acts 15.22-31
o Wednesday 12.21.11		Luke 1 & Jeremiah 32.17
o Thursday 12.22.11		Matthew 2.1-12
o Friday 12.23.11		Galatians 4.1-7
o Saturday 12.24.11		Isaiah 58; Matthew 6.16-18
o Sunday 12.25.11		Luke 1.26-56, 2.1-40

As you read the daily Scripture, keep a journal in which you write the day's date, the Scripture you read, any observations (writing what you noticing or what's particularly interesting, challenging, etc.), and how you ought to live differently in light of what you've learned, that is, what next steps do you need to take in your relationship with God. And then write a "title" for the day. What's the lesson of the day summed up in a few words.

Discussion Questions

- .Kevin experiences the “joy” of being alone and seemingly free- When you are able to have a couple of moments all to yourself- what do you do? Does this freedom bring you joy?
- .Why do many feel there is fun and freedom outside of God’s reign? Is that how you feel or act?
- .When Kevin realizes that he is alone and that he needs help, where does he turn? To where, to what and to whom do you turn in times of need or isolation?
- .What causes you to try and live life on your own without total reliance and dependence on God? How has self reliance that worked out for you? What difference has it made in your life when you’ve kept your eyes on Christ and relied on His Word?
- .Who do you identify with in this story? Are you Kevin, his family, the crooks or the old neighbor? Why?
- .How have you experienced God’s pursue of your life? Share. What has been the difference in your life since this experience?
- .What jumped out at you the most in today’s sermon and why? Who will you identify this Christmas that might be alone and needs a friend? What do you intend to do about it?



Share your highs & lows of the day
Read the Scripture in the Bible
Talk about how the verse relates to your highs & lows
Pray about your highs & lows, family, world
Bless one another

Making disciples every night in every home!

- Sunday _____ Joshua 1.5 Thursday _____ Galatians 5.25
Monday _____ Matthew 28.20b Friday _____ Galatians 5.22-23
Tuesday _____ 1 Corinthians 3.16 Saturday _____ Matthew 1.23
Wednesday _____ Hebrews 13.5

Blessing: May you experience the presence of Christ in you everyday.

