

Sermon Notes:

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Sermon: Declare & Prepare

Scripture: Luke 2:15-20



LOVE _____ becomes love _____

- Preparation is an act of _____
 - Advent is a season of waiting with _____
 - God's first word to His people was _____ (Isaiah 40:1)
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1. THE SHEPHERDS RECEIVED LOVE—AND RAN TO PROCLAIM IT

Luke 2:10–11

- The announcement went to _____, not kings
 - They _____, they _____, they _____, and then they _____
 - Encountering Jesus leads to _____ and _____
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2. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PATTERN WITH JESUS

- The leper received _____ and proclaimed it
 - The Samaritan woman received _____ and ran to tell others
 - No one Jesus _____ stayed _____
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3. LOVE STILL CALLS FOR A RESPONSE

Isaiah 40:3 / Mark 1:2–4

- God prepares _____ before He arrives
 - John's message was _____, but it wasn't _____
 - Love doesn't _____ — love _____
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SO WHAT?

1. Receive Christ's love _____

God sent His Son not because we were _____, but because He _____

2. Proclaim Christ _____

Proclamation is not about volume or _____, but _____

3. Prepare room for the _____

Is Jesus _____ — or just _____?