



Sermon Growth Guide

January 5, 2025

What Do You Name Him - We Name Him Jesus

Luke 2:15-21

Key Verse: When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17

Big Idea: Sharing Good News is a natural overflow for people who have seen God's glory.

Foundations

Our reading concludes with The Child receiving the name Jesus, which means "God Saves." The Savior has been born and his name is Jesus. It's one thing for Mary and Joseph to name their child Jesus. But what about us? What about you? Today we wrap up our Advent sermon series, "What do you Name Him?"

In our reading we find shepherds having another quiet and dark night. But their world flips upside down when the very glory of heaven fills the sky.

What do you do when you're interrupted? Do you lean in? Do you ignore? Do you go and investigate? Do you deny and dismiss? To be fair, yes, it depends on the situation. It also depends on your situational awareness. So let's stay with the situation in the text: the glory of God is revealed. What would you do?

Spend time this week moving through the text and helping one another see how responding to God's glory is relevant for you in this new year. What is God calling you into in this new season? Do you need to let go of anything? Develop a new habit? Respond to God's glory in a fresh way?

Finally, be bold in your prayers! Ask God that you each be given eyes to see the glory of God in your midst.

Understanding God's Word

Together, read Luke 2:15-21. Better yet, back up and read from verse one.

Try and put yourself in the scene as one of the shepherds. What stands out the most?

Describe the correlation between verses 12 and 16.

What is a sign? What signs have been given to humanity regarding God's presence and power?

Applying God's Word

Sharing Good News is a natural overflow for people who have seen God's glory.

How might you cultivate eyes to see God's glory even more this year? What new rhythm or discipline might you build into your life that would help you be mindful of God's glory around you?

Witnessing God's Word

Remember our church's challenge question to our Share Good News value, "Are you invested in someone else knowing Jesus?" Who can you become better friends with this year who needs Jesus in their life, but who doesn't have a relationship with Jesus today? What's your next step?