

Discussion Guide: December 21st, 2025

Message Series: Christ-mess

Message: Recapturing The Wonder

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Focus Passages (NIV):

Matthew 18:3-4 Then Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Luke 2:8-20 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

Matthew 2:10-11 When they (wise men) saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Message Highlights:

What Causes Us To Lose Our Wonder

- Dullness, Dream Stealers, Disappointment, Distraction

How We Can Recapture Our Wonder (By Looking At The First Christmas)

- Wonder-filled people were chosen to trust God
- Open your heart and hearing to recover Christmas wonder
- Wonder always moves us to worship

Discussions Questions:

1. **Read Matthew 18:3-4** The only way to restore lost wonder and awe is to follow Jesus who can truly restore your wonder. When you look back over your life, what are the moments you stood amazed with childlike wonder?
2. There are many things that can steal our wonder this season. What disappointments are sucking the wonder out of Christmas for you? Has the Christmas story become so familiar that you get bored? Have there been dream stealers that extinguished your childlike faith? What are they?
3. **Read Luke 2:8-20 and Matthew 2:10-11** What areas can you trust and follow Jesus this Christmas like Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds or Wise Men? Where does God want you to step out in faith and follow Him?
4. Do you remember the last time you were awestruck with jaw dropping, speechless wonder? Describe what it was like. How can your wonder move you to awe and worship this week? What can you do to slow down, open your heart and savor time with Jesus this week at Christmas?

Time Of Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, this Christmas we come with many things that are stealing our wonder, hope and joy. Today we pray that you can restore the childlike awe and wonder this Christmas and upcoming year. We pray that we are able to find time to slow down and savor our time with you for the next few days. Thank you for sending your Son as the greatest gift of all, so that we can find our hope, our joy and wonder in Him. Amen.