

BE CHRISTMAS

A Christmas Invitation – Big Asks Produce Big Results **Mark Pope** **December 15/16, 2018**

1. Christmas involves a birth story that was both physical and spiritual. Every mother has at least one birth story to share, whether it was an easy or hard labor. But what about your spiritual birth? Was it smooth or difficult? Explain the details involved in it.
2. God still uses the supernatural as He continues to invite us into life with Him. Mark shared his story about sitting in a church service and feeling his heart pounding through his sweater, which compelled him to go forward and receive Christ as his savior. Tell about a supernatural encounter you have had that radically changed you.
3. On the eve of Christ's birth, the shepherds had unique, supernatural experiences that brought belief and action. Why is it important to remember the supernatural experiences you've had? What beliefs and actions have they produced?
4. Jesus intends for everyone to be invited into His kingdom, and although He draws people to Himself (see John 6:44), He wants us to become involved in the invitation as well. What does your part in that process look like?
5. Does sharing Jesus with others "terrify" you? What have you specifically done to prepare yourself to share the Gospel with someone else?
6. Is your own Gospel perspective positive? Why or why not?
7. This coming week, how could you intentionally use your experiences/story/testimony to extend that invitation of the Gospel to those around you?
8. Have you ever prayed for God to use supernatural experiences to affect those you are praying for? Spend some time right now praying for that to happen in their lives.