

Emmanuel Prayer Needs

Many Struggle During the Christmas Season so we Pray for:

- The elderly who cannot get out because of snow/ice and become isolated.
- Families who live far away from loved ones, making Christmas a difficult time.
- The seniors who are in long-term care and may feel they have been forgotten.
- The people who live on the streets - they are cold, hungry & often without hope.
- The working poor - they struggle all the time to provide the necessities for their families: Christmas becomes an added challenge.
- Those caring for family members can become overwhelmed with the physical and mental demands.
- The vulnerable people who are trying to conquer addictions and/or coping with mental illness, they find this season of family gatherings, extremely hard.

Study continued

7. Paul tells us to watch out that we don't also get tempted, whilst trying to restore others. Why is this such an issue? In what ways could we be tempted? (Also read 1 Cor 10:12).
8. How does carrying each other's burdens, fulfill the law of Christ? What does this look like in trying to bring a wanderer back? (Also read John 13:34-35)
9. Read Luke 2:16-20. What was the response of the shepherds finding Jesus? What is the response in heaven when the 'one' who is lost returns? (Also read Luke 15:7; 10, 32)




Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Christmas Carols. Special Music.
A heart-warming reminder of what the Christmas season is all about.
Thanks to popular demand this year will feature two services.
4:30pm | 6:30pm

Church Expenses

Expenses to date:
\$765,635
Offerings to date:
\$772,936

Please note that in order to receive a charitable receipt for 2024, offerings need to be in by December 30th, so that they can be processed before the end of the year.

**Thank you for your
faithfulness & generosity**

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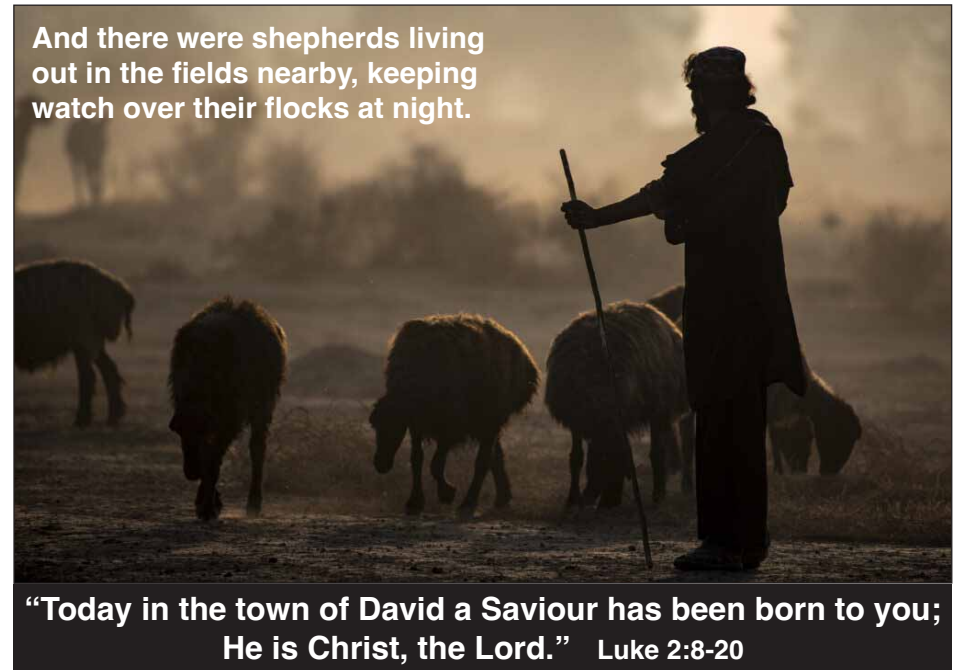
A sermon series on the book of James

BRINGING THE WANDERER HOME

James 5:19-20



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.



“Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ, the Lord.” Luke 2:8-20

BRINGING THE WANDERER HOME James 5:13-18

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to _____ and to _____ the lost

PRONE TO WANDER

James 5:19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should _____ from the truth...

1. _____ wandering

How does this happen?

What should I do? _____

2. _____ wandering

Rom 13:14 Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make _____ for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (KJV)

What should I do? _____

3. _____ wandering

Jesus: Everyone on the side of _____ listens to me (John 18:38).

What should I do? _____

THE REASON JESUS CAME

Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds:

Luke 2:10-11 The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will bring great joy for _____ the people.

BRINGING THE WANDERER HOME

James 5:19 My brothers & sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and _____ should bring them back.

James 5:20 Save them from _____ a multitude of sins

1. Read James 5:19-20. Pastor Peter talked about three ways that we tend to wander from God. For each one answer the following two questions: How does this happen?

What should I do to stop it happening in my life?

What should be my response if I am already going down this road?

2. Read Deut 11:16-17 and James 5:17-20. In these passages, the nation of Israel, led by King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, had turned away from God. Elijah prayed that God would fulfill his word and stop the rain. What was God's purpose in this?

This passage leads into James 5:19-20, where God is exhorting us to bring wanderer's back to God. James gives two tremendous benefits that come from this. What are they, and describe what they mean?

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3. Read Luke 2:8-20. Why was it significant that the first announcement of the birth of Jesus was to shepherds?

4. From Luke 2:10-11, Explain the good news.

Why is it great joy to all people?

5. Read Galatians 6:1-2. Why is the emphasis on those who live by the Spirit to restore those who have sinned?

6. What does it mean to restore, "gently"?