



I. EXPAND OUR DIGITAL OUTREACH

- A. Bless every home
- B. Online church shouldn't replace meeting together
 - It's the front door
 - It's a safe place to start
 - Keeps people connected
 - Consistency

Jeremiah 15:16 (NKJV) Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

- C. More than a name it's a mission

Acts 8:5, 8 (NKJV) Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them...And there was great joy in that city.

II. GREAT JOY

- A. We often mistake happiness and joy
 - **Happiness is the result of chance or luck**
 - **To the Greek, joy was found by looking for it; matter of perspective**
- B. Peace and goodwill to all
 - Not everybody loves Christmas

Luke 2:8-11 (NIV) 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.

- **Happiness is the result of chance or luck**
- **Joy is found by looking for it**
- **But to the believer, joy is the result of Jesus**
- C. The greatest gift ever?
 - The conclusion you arrive at is based on the belief you start with.

Luke 2:12-14 (NIV) 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."

- D. For the shepherds, it was the best day ever!



Luke 2:15-16 (NIV) 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.

III. JOY TO THE WORLD

- A. You can’t replace Jesus with an event
 - An amazing moment, but not the most important
- B. You have to go to the source

Luke 2:17-18 (NIV) When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

- C. Jesus has always had a world-wide mission

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- That small group of ordinary people changed their world

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT) “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

- D. Don’t be hidden, shine brightly
 - A family church teaching people to reach their world
 - Who’s in your world?
 - Five stones, everyone can do more than someone