

GOD'S MESSAGE OF HOPE

DECEMBER 18, 2022

WORSHIP

Angels We Have Heard,
Prepare the Way of the
Lord, Hope Has Come, The
Name of Emmanuel, What
A Beautiful Name, O Come
Let Us Adore Him

WELCOME

What are you looking forward
to doing, or who do you look
forward to being with, the
most this Christmas?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's provision for families deeply affected by inflation.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; escalating tension in East Asian countries to stop.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

LUKE 1:13-17

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

John 1:26-29

John answered them, saying, "I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. It is He who comes after me, of whom I am not worthy even to untie the strap of His sandal." These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing people. The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God's message of hope?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

I. GOD'S MESSENGER

(Malachi 4:5-6, Luke 1:5-6, 15-17, Matthew 11:11, Matthew 3:4-5)

II. GOD'S MESSAGE

(Matthew 3:1-3, 7, John 3:28-30, John 1:29, Mark 1:1-2, Isaiah 40:3-5, Romans 6:23, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:4-6, Matthew 11:2-5, Luke 1:76-79, Acts 1:8)

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "God's Message of Hope", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

"I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for God's message of hope to penetrate the hearts and minds of people everywhere. Share the true meaning of Christmas to family and friends and center your celebration around Christ. Take every opportunity to not only share material gifts, but God's gift of salvation given through Christ!

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"