

Sermon Notes
December 15, 2019
The Greatest Gift
Luke 2:8-20

“A Christmas Carol” depicts a time when _____ is becoming more _____.

It becomes clear _____ in “A Christmas Carol” that there is no _____ in Ebenezer’s life.

Even though he cannot afford the _____, Bob Chrachit carries with him something so much more _____, and that is the _____ that comes with _____.

What I learned from the ghost of Christmas Present:

- His Nephew is first and foremost celebrating _____ with _____.
- We should all be in _____ with hope that one day the scrooges in our lives will _____ us in celebrating Jesus.
- Christmas comes to _____ social classes.
- Christmas is a time to _____ on _____ and what is _____.

God first _____ shepherds about Jesus’ _____.

- The _____ of the shepherds shows _____ and _____.
- When you _____ Jesus and his _____ on you, others cannot help but be _____.

Weekly Devotions

God speaks to us today by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit,

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will *teach* you all things and will *remind* you of everything I have said to you.”

This week, begin your quiet time with God by having your Bible and some paper/notebook in which to write some observations from God on. Use the following instructions for your time with God:

1. Ask God to first quiet your heart and mind so that you are available to God.
2. Ask God to speak to your heart as you read the scripture for the day.
 - a. Write down the most meaningful part of the scripture you read today.
 - b. In one or two sentences, write down the impression you received as your read this particular part of the scripture.
 - c. Finally write down what you feel God wants you to learn or do as a result of what impressed you.

Scriptures to Read:

- MONDAY – Matthew 11:1-15
- TUESDAY – Mark 10:35-45
- WEDNESDAY – Ecclesiastes 5:1-20
- THURSDAY – 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
- FRIDAY – James 2:1-15
- SATURDAY – Luke 14:15-24