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Christmas and the Good News

- I. It is _____ ... (gr. εὐαγγέλιον)
Cp. Luke 1:1-4; 2:10; Romans 1:16
- II. It connects with us at _____ ... (gr. χαρά)
Cp. Galatians 5:22
- III. It is _____ ... (for all people)
Cp. John 1:12; 3:16

If it's Good News for All People, why do so many push back from the Truth that is centered in Christmas?

- a. Because darkness does not _____
Cp. John 1:11; John 3:19-21
- b. Because Christianity is not _____
in its purest form.
Cp. Matthew 23; Matthew 5:13-16; Matthew 22:36-40
- c. Because many are so caught up their world that they have _____.
Cp. 2 Timothy 3:1

What are people of faith to do?

- o _____ our life ... _____ in faith
- o _____ earnestly for the lost, especially for _____
- o Be eager to _____ with others

Truth for Life

For the week of November 29, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Christians often do not reflect faith very well. As a result of their inconsistency, they may do more damage to those who are seeking than good. How have you seen people poorly reflect faith?
2. Read Luke 1:1–4.
 - What stands out to you?
 - Why do you think Theophilus wanted this account to be written, since others were already written?
3. Read Luke 6:27–36.
 - What stands out to you?
 - What elements of faith mentioned in this passage are essential to displaying genuine faith?
 - Are there other elements that are necessary to displaying genuineness of faith? Did Jesus mention your list? Why or why not?
4. In your group discuss WHY genuineness of faith is essential to effectively sharing our faith? How can we overcome missteps in our own faith observed by those who might be seeking? What do we need to do to correct our misstep? What can we do when the excuse is concerning someone else's misstep?
5. Read John 3:16 from a few translations. What stands out to you in this verse? If salvation is available to the whole world (... God so loved the world ...) then why do you think faith seems to be having less affect upon our current culture?
6. Here are a few other questions for thought ...
 - a) How can we best pray for a lost person? Are there promises in God's Word to help us in our praying?
 - b) What is the proper balance between seeking God Himself versus asking Him to meet our physical and emotional needs?
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Christmas ... The Really Good News

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- III. It is **Universal in Scope** ... (for all people)
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Cp. Matthew 23; Matthew 5:13-16; Matthew 22:36-40
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Cp. 2 Timothy 3:1

What are people of faith to do?

- I. **Examine** our life ... **be genuine** in faith
- II. **Pray** earnestly for the lost, especially for **our family**
- III. Be eager to **share your faith** with others

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