



Relentless Christmas - Prepare the Path

Do you remember taking long trips as a kid? What was the worst part of that journey? What was the best part about it?

As an adult, has any of that changed?

Read: John 1:1-8, Mark 1:1-2

Between the Old Testament and the New Testament (The Intertestamental Period) there was 400 years of silence when the people did not hear from God.

Have you ever been through a similar experience where you went through an extended time without hearing from the Lord?

How did God finally get your attention?

Who were some of the people God sent before you to help you on your journey?

God has a purpose and a plan for your journey. He has a destination in mind for you.

Read: Jeremiah 29:11-13

How does knowing that God has a plan and a purpose help you through the difficult seasons of life?

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

- Helen Keller

Is it hard or easy to “form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble”? What are the benefits or harm caused by doing either?

God has given us His Word as a guide.

Read: Psalm 119:105, Psalm 119:133

How does God’s Word guide us? Why can we trust it?

Read: Matthew 2:1-8

John the Baptist’s entire message centered on repentance which means having a changed mind.

What is the difference in having repentance (a change of mind) and regret, remorse, or being sorry?

When in your life have you had to repent of things? What did it do for you?

What is “fruit in keeping with repentance”?

How often does a Christian need to repent?

How do humility and repentance go together?

Please take time to pray for each other, the growth of our church, for new salvations, our nation, and for God’s will to unfold in our lives.