

Sermon Notes
**Believe the NEED for
Christmas**
December 5, 2021



Key verse: Isaiah 40:3-8

What do the tragedies of this week's news have to do with the need for Christmas?

3 A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

1. We all need Christmas because we all _____.

What are the crooked roads, the valleys or mountains that need work in your heart?

- *Ephesians 4:22-32 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*
- *²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": ...²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, ... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice*

5 *And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."*

2. **We all need Christmas to see God's _____.**

- *Luke 2:13-15 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*
- *John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. **We have seen his glory**, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

6 *A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"
"All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.*

7 *The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.*

8 *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."*

3. **We all need Christmas to connect with that which is _____**

- *John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

4. **We all need Christmas because we _____ need _____!**

- *Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.*

DAILY DEVOTION: Join email list to start your day with a devotion!

Applying to My Life:
SERMON REFLECTIONS



The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message:

Digging Deeper:
STUDY THIS WEEK: S.O.A.P. METHOD

Scripture: *(Use one from the message this week)*

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Observation: *(What stood out about this verse? What do you notice?)*

Application: *(How can you apply this verse in your life today? How can you live in light of this truth?)*

Prayer: *(Turn your thoughts into prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to believe and live this verse. Pray for people and situations in your life.)*