
Food for Thought for the Fourth Week of Advent

The Advent season is a time to prepare us for the celebration of the Son of God, Jesus. He entered into His creation for our sakes and His love. Use these questions and scriptures for further study and discussion with members of your church family at Round Hill Baptist.

In this week's sermon, Luke 2:8-20 reminds us that the Gospel gathers us to worship Jesus and calls us to go tell others about Him. The shepherds went away rejoicing! I wonder if they sang Psalm 72:15-19 as they rejoiced and told others about Jesus.

Join in rejoicing with the shepherds by reading Psalm 72:15-19 out loud and with enthusiasm! Do you know how to glorify God until the whole earth is filled with his glory? Do you know what glorifying God means? Let me explain by telling you a story:

In college I had two friends, Dave and Buzz, who were brothers. They had an older brother they nicknamed "Big Mike." Dave and Buzz loved to tell stories about Big Mike. He could eat a 72 oz. steak, bench press 2000 pounds, and possibly save the world without a sweat. They boasted about him, imitated him, and wanted to be like him. I couldn't wait to one day meet Big Mike.

I finally met Big Mike at Buzz's rehearsal dinner. I entered the room and saw a big, burly man standing against the wall. I went straight up to him and said, "Big Mike, I'm Josh, Dave and Buzz's friend." Surprised and confused, Big Mike asked how I knew him. I explained, "Dave and Buzz have talked so much about you that I feel like I know you already." Dave and Buzz glorified their brother. They had talked about him to the point that I couldn't wait to meet Big Mike. When I saw him, I felt like I already knew him.

Glorification is boasting about someone important. You imitate them and desire to be more like them. This is how we spread God's glory. We, as Christians, should talk about Jesus so much that our family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and complete strangers desire to know Him.

Don't just celebrate the holiday of Christmas this year, glorify Jesus! Celebrate Jesus and have the best Christmas ever!

Pray: Lord, give us a passion to talk about you to everyone we know. This Christmas may our obedience to your powerful word show everyone we know how awesome you are. Help us spread your glory through the whole earth. Amen.