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MERRY CHRISTMAS

# "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

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### Theophany:

A visible manifestation of God to humankind.

## We are invited to be a <u>people</u> who experience God at a <u>place</u> and at a <u>time</u>.

### God wants us to have sacred lives, not just sacred moments.

	Time	Place	Person
Creation	Gen 1:3, 14-19	Gen 1:6-13; 2:4,8,15	Gen 1:26-28; 2:5,7,8,15,21-23
Noah	Gen 6:9-10	Gen 6:9-10	Gen 6:9-10
Abraham	Gen 11:31-12:1,4,6	Gen 11:31; 12:1,6-7	Gen 12:1,7
Isaiah	Isa 6:1	-	Isa 6:1,5,8
Moses	Ex 3:1; Acts 7:30	Ex 3:1-2; Acts 7:30	Ex 3:1; Acts 7:30-31
Zechariah	Lk 1:5,8	Lk 1:8	Lk 1:5
Mary	Matt 1:17; Lk 1:26	Matt 2:1; Jn 1:46	Matt 1:18; Lk 1:27

#### With Jesus, God with us...

- ...any moment can be a holy moment.
- ...any body can be somebody.
- ...any place can be an altar of encounter.

### What can we learn from the shepherds?

- 1. Illumination (Luke 2:9)
- 2. Proclamation (Luke 2:10)
- 3. Reaction (Luke 2:16)
- 4. Affirmation (Luke 2:17)
- 5. Adoration (Luke 2:20)

"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him."

John 1:10-11

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#### 6 Reasons for Not Receiving Jesus:

- 1. Love of Darkness (John 3:19, 12:35)
- 2. Spiritual Blindness (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- 3. Worldly Values & Mindset (John 8:23)
- 4. No Recognition (Matthew 13:54-55)
- 5. Unbelief (John 12:37)
- 6. Lack of Experience (John 1:43-46)



This man drove half an hour with a grill and a truckload of food and parked right in the middle of #Mayfield, Kentucky.



A man.
A moment.
A meal.

#### Application

- Be the person.
   Have a place.
   Make the time.