



Week 2, Day 3:

People Need Good News and Great Joy.

The final “Not” Tyler mentioned in last week’s message is when things are **not going well**. Every day people are faced with staggering circumstances, and Christmastime is no exception. Marriages end, loved ones pass away, and devastating test results come back. For many, the future seems bleak and hearts are broken.

Often, people who are hurting feel like church isn’t for them. Yet on the first Christmas, those who were frightened and in desperate need of good news and great joy were addressed directly.

In Luke 2:10-11 the angel responded, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born...”.

This Christmas, we have the opportunity to introduce those who are hurting to the same Savior. We can invite people to a place where they can meet the God who acknowledges their greatest fears, sees their deepest longings, and sent His Son to save us.

Whether someone comes to church out of curiosity, a willingness to try something new, or desperation for a Savior, it could be your invitation that leads someone to meet Jesus! At the very least, you’ll provide that person with a much-needed break from all the small talk and Christmas movies.

REFLECT:

Who in your life is hurting and in need of good news? Call that person or send them a text or email to let them know you are there for them.

PRAY:

God, help me to realize who is hurting in my life and to show them the hope of the good news of Jesus.