

Faith at Home “Take-Home”

Week: December 27th-3rd, 2009

Theme: Opening the Gift of Salvation

Scriptures: Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12 and Luke 2:8-20

READ: Read together Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12

Question 1: Read about the role of a watchmen in biblical times. Click here for some background:

<http://www.harvestchurch.us/downloads/watchmen.pdf>

Question 2: Historically, what were the key purposes of a watchman?

Question 3: In Isaiah 62:6-7, what is the purpose of these watchmen? To what should their “spiritual eyes and spiritual ears be open”? What message are they waiting for?

READ: Read together Luke 2:8-20

Question 1: How are the shepherds like the watchmen in Isaiah 62:6-7? How are they different?

Question 2: What qualities equip the shepherds to be fitting “watchmen” for the good news of Christmas? **Question 3:** In short, why did God choose the shepherds to be the first earthly messengers of Christ’s birth?

Question 4: After receiving the message and visiting the baby, what did the shepherds do next?

Question 5: What is the relationship between receiving and passing on a message?

Application

As a follower of Christ, how can you be a watchman? What message about Christ means the most to you, and how can you “report” that message to others?