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GOD'S GOODNESS GOD'S WISDOM GOD'S KINDNESS

“At that time Jesus said,
I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth, because you have hidden
these things from the wise and
learned, and revealed them to little
children. Yes, Father, for this was your
good pleasure.”

Matthew 11:25-26



sermon notes

Once you get past the **What**
you must answer the **Why**

“The purpose and cause of the incarnation was that He might illuminate the world by His wisdom and excite it to the love of Himself.” -- Peter Abelard

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2

Reveal the wonders of the Kingdom of God

“He said, ‘I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent.’ Luke 4:43

Engaged disciples in a Revolution of Love

“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.” --Mother Teresa

As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ Mt 10:7

“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

LIVING BEYOND CHRISTMAS

Become Poor in Spirit (develop gratitude)

Overcome Evil with Good (forgiveness & grace)

Greatest will be the Servant of all (do something)



"Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught." Col. 2:7

Genealogy of Jesus

Read Matthew 1:1-17

SUNDAY

Have you ever researched your family tree? How far back can you trace your family? What does knowing your family history tell you about whom you are? What did your family pass on to you (consider genetics, behaviors, culture, etc.)?

MONDAY

Who were the significant spiritual people who influenced your faith and journey with Christ? What did they pass on to you?

TUESDAY

Does this passage seem dry and boring? Why? What would make it more exciting?

WEDNESDAY

Why does Matthew begin with the genealogy of Jesus? Why is it important? How can knowing the stories behind the people in this genealogy—all of the adventures, faith, struggles, and such—inspire you?

THURSDAY

How does knowing that God works through diverse people, regardless of wealth, culture, or position, give you hope and assurance?

FRIDAY

What do you think about the role of women in a culture that considered them lower than farm animals, and that even harlots and an adulteress are used in the royal line? How does this give you more faith?

SATURDAY

God transcends time. Therefore, when we are going through trials and tribulations, He is there—before, during, and after—carrying us through. How does this give you hope in times of distress?

"Opportunity knocks at the strangest times.

It's not the time that matters

But how you answer the door." Steve Gray