

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Midnight Clear

Week of December 16, 2018

Week 4: Go and See (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Luke 2:15

1. Jeff shared how his kids rely secondhand on his account of what it's like to carve a pumpkin. What's one thing others have experienced that intrigues you but that you're content to hear about secondhand?
2. Can you recall a time in your spiritual journey when you relied on a secondhand faith? If so, what was that like?
3. *Luke 2:15* tells us that, "When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and **see** this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'" If Jesus could be seen, they wanted to see Him; if He could be met, they wanted to meet Him. Does this reflect the ongoing desire of your heart? How do you know?
4. As Jeff pointed out, the shepherds searched diligently to find Jesus. And in *Jeremiah 29:13*, God tells His people, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." How do you respond to the idea that being in a relationship with God involves continuing to seek Him out?
5. In what ways have you sought to connect with God on a regular basis? What practices are helping you pursue him lately?
6. *Hebrews 11:6* says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." As you seek God out, where are you finding you need faith to see beyond what's visible?

Pray together for hearts that earnestly seek to encounter God firsthand this Christmas season and for that desire to be richly satisfied.