



Sermon Study Questions
Week of December 18, 2011

Kingdom Come “A Kingdom of Matters”

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Main Scripture: Luke 2:15-20

Referenced Scripture: Luke 7:36-50, Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 54:1-12, Hebrews 12:1-2

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. What are some of the differences in the way the world and true Christians understand what really matters in life?

DIG DEEPER:

1. In the Christmas story found in **Luke 2:15-20** what was the message that was entrusted to the shepherds? In what way has that same story been entrusted to us today?
2. How is it that all Christians do not fully grasp that they matter to God, regardless of their circumstances, and have the very same response as the shepherds in **Luke 2:20**?
3. **Isaiah 54:2** gives us insight about our response to understanding we do matter to God. First... *It is time to enlarge*. In what way can we venture out of our comfort zone? What has hindered you from trusting God to do big things?
4. Second... *Stretch*. Are you walking more by faith or by fear? How has God been stretching you to make this transition?
5. Third... *Spare not*. How has the Lord grown you in the area of being more unselfish and not withholding from the Lord.
6. Fourth... *Lengthen the line and strengthen the stakes*. How can you “gain new ground” and “set the stakes”? In what way are the stakes high as we draw ever closer to the end times?

REFLECT:

1. What we live for does matter. What are you living for today?
2. It is time for us to lay aside what doesn’t matter. What specific things has the Lord been speaking to your heart to lay aside? Are you ready, willing, and able to obediently respond?

MEMORY VERSE:

Isaiah 54:2

“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.”