



Summary of Sermon

Ps Steve spoke on Advent - Prepare the Way. The false Christmas story around us puts self at the centre but never satisfies. The true Christmas story is humbling and almost unattractive: our condition was so desperate that God did the unthinkable by sending Jesus to be a sacrifice for us. Which story affects the way we live?

How to prepare? 1. meditate on the fact you need a Saviour; 2. Use the season to examine yourself Psa 139:23-4 - is the fire burning bright (Lev 6:9); 3. build God centred anticipation and expectancy and excitement into your home; 4. read the scriptures much scripture! These are ways of setting ourselves on 'fire.'

Questions



First, how have we all been able to BLESS this week?

1. What do you and your loved ones enjoy most about Christmas? Does this reflect the true Christmas story?
2. Why is preparation - for anything - important generally? Why is it important to prepare for Christmas in the four ways Ps Steve described? How can we do it in practice?
3. How do we explain to family and friends who do not know Jesus what Christmas means to us? Are there certain aspects of Christmas celebrations that lend themselves to conversations about the gospel message?