

“A New Year’s Resolution”

Sermon

Exodus 13, Luke 2:22-40

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1) Did you talk about the Christmas story with anyone this year?

⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise...

²⁰“When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ ²¹then you shall say to your son, ‘We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand...

(Deuteronomy 6: 6-7, 20-21)

2) Why do you think the Church in America is declining?

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

(John 1: 10-11)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

(Hebrews 2: 1)

3) How is the biblical story relevant to your everyday life?

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

(John 15: 4)

4) How do you respond to a person who does not want to hear the gospel?

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

(Romans 12: 9-14)