



**Series** Divine Intervention

**Passage** Luke 2:1-20

**Title** Six things to Remember this Christmas

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- **Discussion Starter:** Which one of the six things to remember from this past Sunday's sermon helped you the most to get into the Christmas spirit?

#### **God's Sovereign Plan** (Luke 2:1-5, Micah 5:2)

- How do we see God moving in very natural ways in these first five verses to bring about His sovereign plan of salvation? What is the significance of Jesus being born in Bethlehem?
- What are some of the sovereign ways God has moved in your life?

#### **Jesus Born in a Trough** (Luke 2:6-7, Isaiah 61:1-2)

- Why do you think a sovereign God would allow Jesus to be born in a trough? It seems too hard to believe. Read Isaiah 61:1-2. Discuss how this prophecy of God relates to the reason why Jesus was born in a trough.
- According to Luke 2:7, the reason that Jesus had to be born in a trough, is because there was no room in the inn. No room for the King of kings and the LORD of lords. How do we see this same theme playing out in our lives today?

#### **Making Jesus Our Priority** (Luke 2:8-19)

- What were some of the things that the angel of the LORD revealed to the shepherds that caused them to change their current priorities to make Jesus their preeminent and number one priority?
- How are we as Christians today, to make Jesus preeminent in our daily lives?

#### **Gratitude Brings Joy to Our Soul** (Luke 2:20, Psalm 100, Philippians 4:8)

- What did the shepherd receive that caused them to be so grateful? How is this a lesson for what we should be grateful for in our lives today?
- We see that God was accomplishing good in Mary and Joseph's lives even though looking at their circumstances it appeared to be pretty bad. Read Psalm 100 and Philippians 4:8. Discuss how meditating on these verses can help us when we feel that we are not getting God's best?