

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: The Redemption of Scrooge – Christmas Future

WHAT'S THIS MESSAGE ABOUT?

The first Christmas reminds us of the gracious gift we received through the birth of Christ and it is also intended to help us remember how that gift can and does transform lives, but we tend to forget that the story does not end there. Just as Scrooge is able to rewrite his future by changing his current practices, so too God, through Jesus, rewrites our future by coming again and completing the work he began. The world is to be made right in the profoundest of way. Jesus is not finished - not with us and not with the world.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *In what way(s) does the Christmas story rewrite the possible ending of our personal story?*
- *What part of the Christmas story provides you with the greatest hope for the future? Why?*
- *What are some practical ways you can share that hope with your family and friends?*

Do something about it: Consider carefully what your current Christmas traditions/practices are. Do they have a positive influence on how you approach the new year? Look for ways (new or adapted) in which you can begin the new year carrying the joy that you received/shared this Christmas.

Digging deeper: Matthew 1, 2; 12:20-21; Isaiah 2:1-5; 9:1-7; 11:1-9; Revelation 22:1-5