

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: Redeemed With Scrooge

WHAT'S THIS MESSAGE ABOUT?

When you think of the name Scrooge, what comes to mind? Usually we think about a miserly curmudgeon: a man who hated Christmas, the “Bah Humbug” Scrooge. But what we forget is that the story does not end there. Truthfully, the essence of the story is that he undergoes a radical transformation and during the course of his journey with the three spirits his life is changed completely. In fact, this hated man becomes a hero! In our minds, though, he’s always the greedy, grumpy old man. This is how we think about ourselves too often as well. We emphasize areas of brokenness while ignoring areas of victory and redemption. The Christmas story is good news for us all- we have all been redeemed! Move on from your “Scroogy” past and lean into the redemption we find in the Christmas story. It fundamentally changes our lives and reorients our way of life.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *In what ways was Scrooge's life and character transformed?*
- *In what ways has your faith transformed your life/character?*
- *What obstacle(s) prevent you from embracing the grace and forgiveness God offers?*

Do something about it: If you truly believe in and desire to embrace the grace that God has shown you and the people in your life, choose one aspect of your life that you struggle with (forgiving yourself or another) and pray about it daily. Ask God to help you to see the redeemed you/other as He sees us.

Digging deeper; - Romans 8:1,38,39; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:7; 2:8,9; Titus 2:11,12; Hebrews 9:28