HARK: God Uses the Ordinary

Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, December 15, 2019  AVBC  10:30 am

“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’”

– Luke 2:10-11

2) God uses the Ordinary to do the EXTRAORDINARY (vs. 8-20)

- Flawed people (vs. 8)
  Abraham, Joseph, Job, Moses, Gideon, Jacob, David, Peter,
  The Disciples, Zacchaeus, Paul, etc.

  “27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are.”

– 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

- An Unexpected CALL (vs. 9-11)
- An Unexpected SIGN (vs. 12-14)
- An Unexpected ADVENTURE (vs. 15-20)

Teach, Treasure, Tell

1) HUMILITY before Glory (vs. 1-7)

- An Unexpected JOURNEY (vs. 1-5)
  “But you, Bethlehem… out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.” Micah 5:2

- An Unexpected TIME (6-7a)

- An Unexpected PLACE (7b) – Luke 9:58
  (Proverbs 3:34, Matthew 23:12, Mark 10:31, James 4:6-10, 1 Peter 5:5-6)

  “Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

– Philippians 2:5-8

- Unexpected plans, sometimes they happen...

Q1: Share a time in your life when the Unexpected happened. How did you react to that? How do you typically react to the Unexpected?

Q2: Why is “Fear Not” one of the key themes of the Christmas story?

Q3: Read the “Place” verses. In what ways do you need to BE humble so God can use you?

Q4: Read Phil. 2:5-11. In what ways should our Lord’s birth humble us?

Q5: How has God used ordinary you to do extraordinary things?

Q6: Why was the first announcement of the Messiah’s birth given to shepherds? In what way are the shepherds good examples for us today?

Q7: Can you think of 3 people to teach about the Lord and his salvation? How will you share with them? Write down your plan, including when you hope to share and what you hope to say.

Q8: In what ways do you treasure these things in your own heart?