

Week of December 17, 2023
Series: The Story, Ch. 10, Pt. 1
Sermon: A Better Christmas
Text: Hebrews 12:1-2

Sermon Outline:

Four Gifts for Believers...

1. Encouragement drawn from the past. (1a)
2. Endurance needed for the present. (1b)
3. Hope assured by the future. (2a)
4. Joy found in the gospel. (2b)

Discussion Questions:

1. What have you implemented into your Christmas traditions that has made Christmas better for you?
2. What do you wish was better about this and future holiday seasons?
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-12. There were a lot of people mentioned in ch11 who walked by faith without seeing/hearing/reading about the cross. And yet they persevered. How is your life better (*than what it could have been*) living on this side of the cross?
4. Philippians 3:13-14. The church does not only consist of believers who are living in the world now. It also consists of believers past and future. Like being one of the runners in the middle of a relay race, you are carrying the baton for the team for this lap only. How do believers who were before you and believers who will come after you, give you endurance needed for the present?
5. Read Romans 8:32. How does Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection assure a better future for tomorrow and for eternity?
6. Reread Hebrews 12:1-2. What specifically was the joy set before Jesus? According to the gospel and its promises, what is the joy set before us?