

# Song #1 – Go Tell it on the Mountain

*Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, Tell It On The Mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens,  
There shone a holy light:

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth:

'Twas in a humble manger  
That Jesus Christ was born  
The God of all creation  
Become a child that morn

## Song #2 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous Gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming;  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell,  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

## Song #3 – What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him,  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

## Song #4 – Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;  
Come and worship, Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star;  
Come and worship, Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending  
In His temple shall appear;  
Come and worship, Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

## Message Title: **Peace for the Anxious**

Luke 12:22-31 | Sunday AM, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | Pastor Allen Cox

**22** Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. **23** Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. **24** Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? **25** And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? **26** If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? **27** Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **28** If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? **29** And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. **30** For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. **31** But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you

### **Introduction**

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. *Is it always prideful to make plans for the future? How do Proverbs 6:6-11 and James 4:13-17 apply to this topic?*
2. *Why does Jesus' command to "take no thought for your life" not suggest abandoning your responsibilities? How does a believing Christian discern between responsibilities and distractions?*
3. *Sometimes feelings of anxiety are related to hurts in the past; can you think of examples? How might Philippians 3:13-14 help someone who is in this situation?*
4. *Explain how Isaiah 26:3 and Philippians 4:6-8 connect how we feel with how we think. Discuss some specific truths an anxious person can "renew their mind" with.*
5. *In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus used the example of Mary (who was calmly focused on Christ) to teach Martha (who was distracted and anxious) the value of spending time with Him. How can we "seek the kingdom of God" in 2020? Discuss methods, benefits, etc. What does biblical joy look like? Does it mean always being upbeat and smiling? If not, then what does it mean?*

**BE A DOER.** Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?



# This Week

## **Our Praise Theme**

Together we praise God Who is Our Peace!

## **Our Prayer Theme**

Together we pray that we grow in our distinction from the world even as we engage the world with the gospel

## **Our Missionary**

Mike & Teresa Gardner are full-time church planting helpers currently serving with Pastor Frost at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Bellefontaine, OH. Please pray for their health (against COVID-19) as they hand out John and Romans booklets there.



## **Pray for One Another**

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# Bible Reading

✓	Date	Day	Text
	12/20	Sunday	Hebrews 1-5
	12/21	Monday	Hebrews 6-9
	12/22	Tuesday	Hebrews 10-11
	12/23	Wednesday	Hebrews 12-13
	12/24	Thursday	James 1-5
	12/25	Friday	I Peter 1-4
	12/26	Saturday	I Peter 5 - II Peter 3

## Memory Verse

All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6

## Discovery Questions

According to Hebrews 10:24 & 25, what should motivate us to do our best to be faithful to God's House?

What two illustrations are used in James 3 to show the potential of our words.

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## Our Gatherings

Sunday @ 9:00 AM	Main Worship Service
Sunday @ 5:00 PM	Sunday Evening Service

*See your group leader for Discipleship group meeting plans*