



December 22 | Sermon Notes

Message discussion: What stood out to you in this week's message? Questions? A way God moved you to respond?

Passage reflection: Isaiah 9:6; John 10:30; John 14:8-9; Hebrews 1:3. What stands out to you in these verses? Is there something you hear God saying to you? How can you respond to what He is saying?

1. How can Jesus be God the Son and also be called "Eternal Father"?

2. For a variety of reasons, some people struggle with questions regarding the character of God, "Is He fair?" "Is He harsh?" "Is He good?" Have you ever struggled with questions like these about God the Father? Explain.

And He (Jesus) is the radiance of His (God the Father) glory and the exact representation of His nature...(Hebrews 1:3)

3. Read John 14:8-9 & Hebrews 1:1-3. What do you think of the characteristics of Jesus as shown in the Gospels? Is Jesus kind and compassionate? Is Jesus merciful and good? Is Jesus loving and gentle? Do you have any misperceptions of God the Father that need to be viewed through the lens of Jesus' life in the Gospels?

*Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
(Matthew 11:28-29)*

4. Read Ephesians 3:14-19. Jesus embodies the character of a good father: He is a benevolent protector. He cares for and protects His own! He is tender and compassionate and gathers the weak into His arms. In what ways have you experienced the deep love of the Father? How would you like to grow in your experience of the Father's love through Jesus?