

TURN THE CORNER ON THE PAST

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Write down all the things you want to turn the corner on from the year 2020. Dispose of the paper in a way that allows you to symbolically move forward and place your trust Jesus.

BIG IDEA

God turns the corner before we do.

SCRIPTURE

Read Luke 2 and Matthew 2

OPENER

Things have changed this year. School, church, sports, and holidays all look different than last year at this time. Which of these changes are you grieving the most?

QUESTIONS

- 1) Matthew 2 describes how the Magi saw the star overhead and followed it to Jesus. Describe an instance in your life where you trusted God and took action even when you weren't sure of what was around the corner.
- 2) The star in the sky led the Magi from aimless wandering to having God's direction. What can you do this week to make sure you're following the "star" (Jesus) that God provides in your life rather than wandering aimlessly?
- 3) Pastor Dave spoke about his neighbor who lost her house in a fire, and the whole neighborhood came together to help. Who is someone in your life that you can help this Christmas season?
- 4) The shepherds and Magi turned the corner in 4 ways (see Takeaways). In which of these ways do you need to turn the corner this next year?
- 5) In Luke 2:19, it says "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." Pastor Dave asked us these two questions that will help us turn the corner on the past - "What will you treasure?" "Who will you trust?"
- 6) What area of your life do you need to hear the message of don't be afraid from Luke 2:10? How does it help you knowing God has already "turned the corner" and will be present with you in whatever your future holds?

TAKEAWAY

4 Ways the Shepherds and Magi Turned the Corner

- From darkness to light
- From fear to courage
- From loneliness to experiencing God's presence
- From aimless wandering to God's direction

The lasting treasures are not what you hold in your hands, but what you hold in your heart.

REFERENCES

Luke 2:29-38

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Jeremiah 29: 11-15. What does this passage teach us about mankind? What does this passage teach us about God? What do you need to obey in this passage?