

Share LIGHT Ignited in Worship!

Christmas invites us to **follow God** who became human...

² *The people walking in darkness have seen **a great light**;
on those living in the land of deep darkness **a light has dawned**...*

⁶ *For to us a **child is born**, to us a **son is given**,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**...*

Isaiah 9:2-7

God to all people: **Don't fear, Messiah is coming!**

Angel to Zechariah: **Don't be afraid**...

Angel to Mary & Joseph: **Don't be afraid**...

Angel to Shepherds: **Don't be afraid**...

Spirit to Magi & Herod: **Messiah, Jesus is here! Worship & follow him**...

➤ **Herod's Response**

¹ *After **Jesus** was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time
of King Herod, **Wise men (Magi)** from the east came to Jerusalem
² and asked, "Where is **the one** who has been **born king** of the Jews?
We saw his star when it rose and have come **to worship him**."*

³ *When **King Herod** heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem
with him. ⁴ *When he called together all the people's chief priests and
teachers of the law, he asked them **where the Christ was to be born**.*
⁵ *"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied...**

⁷ *Then Herod called **the Magi** secretly and found out from them
the **exact time the star had appeared**. ⁸ *He sent them to Bethlehem
and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as
you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and **worship him**."**

Matthew 2:1-8

➤ **Magi's Response**

⁹ *After they heard King Herod, they went on their way, and **the star**
they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over
the place where the child was. ¹⁰ *When the Magi **saw the star**,
they were **overjoyed**. ¹¹ *On coming to the house, they saw the child
with his mother Mary, and **bowed down** and **worshipped him**.
Then the Magi **opened their treasures** and **presented to him**
gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.***

Matthew 2:9-11

➤ **We Get to Respond...**

³⁰ *Jesus replied, "**Love the Lord your God** with **all your heart**,
all your soul, **all your mind**, and **all your strength**." ³¹ *The second is this:
Love your neighbor as yourself. There is none greater than these."**

Mark 12:30-31

➤ **Jesus calls us to love/worship God with all ourselves!**

➤ **Jesus calls us to love others, being/sharing Jesus' light!**

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Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!

Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ
connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission
through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment
to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves,
according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

Our Commitment

Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that
actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission
to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"