



Deck the Halls for Eternity

This is the second week we are discussing Deck the Halls. Deck the Halls is a famous Christmas Carol. It reminds us to prepare for the Christmas season. As we sing this song and decorate evergreen trees, may we also remember to prepare for eternity this Christmas.

Deck the Halls with EXPECTATIONS

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. Isaiah 9:2

Isaiah looked forward with expectation that God would do a miracle. That the Messiah would show up and set the captives free, break the yoke of oppression, and bring hope into the world. He prophesied this verse.

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him.
Psalm 62:5

At Christmas God interrupts the ordinary to do the extraordinary!

Expect God to Move

Expect God to Bring Hope

Expect God to Save Souls

Expect God to Use YOU to do Miracles!

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You will be rewarded for this; your hope will not be disappointed.
Proverbs 23:18

If you expect nothing, you'll get nothing.

For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.
Philippians 1:20

Give your invitation with expectation this week and be bold!

Deck the Halls with INVITATION

Expect them to say YES!

Reasons People Attend Christmas Services:

- 60% to honor Jesus
- 16% tradition
- 15% to spend time with family & friends
- 8% to get into the Christmas spirit

We want a Harvest from an Unseeded Generation.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him! Psalm 34:8

Invite those who need Him, taste and see.

Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" He asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ **"Come and see,"** He said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when **they went with Him to the place where He was staying**, and they remained with him the rest of the day. John 1:38-39

Invite them to the place He dwells!

- Come sit with me this Christmas
- Come see what God will do in your life.
- Come experience joy during your sorrow.

Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" ³⁰ So the people came streaming from the village to see him. John 4:29-30

The woman met Jesus at a well. She invited, the people came with expectation. Expect – Invite - Celebrate

Deck the Halls with CELEBRATION

After this interview, the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Matthew 2:9-11a

Get people to come to the house where Jesus is.

My Next Steps THIS WEEK:

- ☐ **Pray about What to Give to Special Offering**
- ☐ **Invite 10 people to Christmas Services**

Tithes and Offerings

Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11b

They gave as an act of worship.

End of the Year offering: Feed orphans and fight human trafficking, 350 gifts to underprivileged kids in Troy's Carol Hill Elementary, Feed & care for the needy here. Improve youth and kids ministries.

The Gift *that* *Grows*

Special Offering Give Your Best Gift this Christmas to help Others

Christmas Services

Sunday Dec 19th Christmas Service – 10:00am

Wednesday Dec 24th Christmas Eve Service – 6:00pm

Full Kid Connection at Both Services