# Sunday Sermon Questions • 12/21/2025

## **Advent Week 4 • Love**

#### Love as the Source

The sermon teaches that without God's love, there would be no Hope, Joy, or Peace. How does viewing love as the foundation of all these virtues change the way you understand Christmas and your relationship with God?

#### The Shepherds and the Heart of God

Why do you think God chose shepherds—ordinary, overlooked people—to receive the birth announcement of Jesus? What does this reveal about how God sees people, including you?

#### The Cost of Following Jesus

The shepherds responded immediately and left their flocks behind to go see Jesus. What might "leaving your sheep behind" look like in your own life when it comes to following Jesus more fully?

#### Imperfect People, Perfect Love

Jesus came through a lineage filled with brokenness, failure, and sin. How does this truth stand to show us that the Lord can use anyone... That God's plan doesn't depend upont our goodness or our abilty, but rather upon the nature and character of God?

### Receiving the Gift

The sermon emphasizes that Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love are gifts that must be received through Jesus. Which of these do you find hardest to receive right now, and what might God be inviting you to surrender so you can receive it?

## **Prayer Prompt**

Father God, thank You for loving us so deeply that You gave Your one and only Son.

Thank You that Your love is not based on our performance, our past, or our circumstances, but on who You are. This Christmas, help us to lay down anything that keeps us from fully following You and to receive the Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love that are found only in Jesus. Like the shepherds, give us hearts that respond quickly and lives that reflect Your love to the world around us.

In Jesus' name, Amen.