

THE INVISIBLE BECOMES VISIBLE

John 1 // December 22, 2024

THE TIME HAS COME

The "Word of God" is somehow *with* God, but also *is* God. It is distinct, and yet it is also *not* an "*it*." The Word is a "He," and John does not keep the secret long. By verse 17 he reveals that the Word of God is indeed Jesus Christ.

But before He was known and revealed as "Jesus," He was the invisible Word of God. But God wanted to be known fully and in a personal, intimate way.

**God has clothed His thoughts in words,
and there is no way to know Him
except by knowing the Scriptures.**

-John Stott

SELF-DISCLOSURE

But what is the significance of Him being the "Word" of God? Why not the hand, arm, or even mouth of God?

**Our hearts and minds are clothed in words,
And there is no way to *truly* know each other
except by knowing our words.**

Our words are both *from* us, but they are also intrinsically intertwined *to us*. We cannot be separated from our words. Our arms, legs, and other body parts don't define us or reveal *really* who we are; but our words are not only a part of us, but they reveal who we are.

Hebrews 1.3

THE WORD, OUR LAMP, IS GOD

Christ was given to us, as the Word of God, to be the lamp to our feet. He was given to us so that we would not have to guess who God is. He was given to you so that you can know the one true and living God, and so that this very true and living God could give you true life.

Hebrews 1.3

**Until you have given yourself up to Christ
you will never have a real self.**

-C.S. Lewis

NOTES:

Announcements:

Christmas Eve Service: Join us on Christmas Eve at 4pm as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior! We will have a family-style service with Christmas songs and a short message before enjoying some hot chocolate and treats. Bring your friends and family along!

End of Year Giving: Your gifts and donations to LMC are counted towards 2024 as long as they are received by December 31. Many companies will match donations made towards qualified non-profits, which LMC is. Thank you for your incredible generosity to our church!

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 146

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Matthew 27:51

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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Point your smart phone camera at the QR Code to access a virtual Connection Card

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Our Community Groups will be on break over Christmas and New Years until the week of January 19th

During Christmas, spend some time as a family reading through the story of Jesus' birth in **Luke Chapters 1 and 2**. Additionally, enjoy a bit of fun trivia.

See how many you get right!
The answers can be found by scanning the QR code!



1. The bible tells us that Jesus' birthday is December 25th.
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
2. The bible says Mary rode to Bethlehem on a donkey.
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
3. The bible predicts Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
4. The wise men came to bring Jesus gifts at His birth.
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
5. How many wise men were there? _____
6. The bible says Jesus was born in a stable.
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
7. What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph? _____
8. The wise men found Jesus in a
a) manger b) house c) cave d) Nativity Scene
9. Herod had all boys under age 2 killed to "take care of" this "King of the Jews."
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
10. The real life Santa Claus was a devout Christian who punched someone in the nose because he denied that Jesus was God.
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE
11. Giving gifts is a tradition because of
a) magi giving gifts b) St. Nick c) capitalism
12. "Xmas" is an anti-Jesus attempt to take "Christ" out of "Christmas."
(Circle One) TRUE FALSE



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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