

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

December 15-21, 2014

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit.

December 15: Read Luke 2:1-7. Read the text today several times. What word or phrase stands out to you as you read these familiar words. Write that word or phrase in a place that you will see it throughout the week ahead. Allow God to speak through this word/phrase.

December 16: Read Luke 2:1-7. Focus on verses 1-2. What is the significance of world events in the birth of Jesus? How does God use these events as part of his activity? How does this remind us of the providence and sovereignty of God?

December 17: Read Luke 2:1-7. Focus on verses 3-5. How do these verses relate to Micah 5:2? What is the role of prophecy in the birth of Jesus? How does this reaffirm the plan of God?

December 18: Read Luke 2:1-7. Focus on verses 6-7. Read verses 6-7 several times. Notice the simple elegance of the report Luke gives of the birth of the Messiah. If you were telling the story what would you want to add (if anything) to the report?

December 19: Read 2:1-7. Focus on the words “there was no room for them in the inn.” Much has been made of this phrase. What does it mean for you to have room for Jesus in your life? What do you recognize as taking the Jesus room in your life?

December 20: Read Galatians 4:4-7. Paul reflects briefly on the birth of Jesus in these verses. What does Paul add to our understanding of the birth of Jesus and its significance for our lives and our world?

December 21: Read Luke 2:1-7. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.