

Encounter these verses today:  
circle words that you identify with,  
underline phrases or sentences you'd  
like to remember, write questions about  
the passage out to the side ...



## Scriptures used in our services this weekend ...

### Luke 19: 1-10 :: Jesus with Zacchaeus

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

### Romans 3:21-23 :: Redemption

21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

### Galatians 4:4-7 :: An Heir with Christ

4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. 6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

A slide with a dark background featuring a starry sky. The word "illuminate" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. Below it, in a smaller, lighter font, is the subtitle "Welcoming the Light of the World!". At the bottom, a dark bar contains the text "December 24 &amp; 25, 2011 | Pastor Terry Bate".

***The story of the Nativity still can leave many of us asking, "Why?"***

***Jesus came for \_\_\_\_\_!***

***"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."***

*Luke 19:10*

***The Light Jesus offers  
is the only source for \_\_\_\_\_ !***

***Jesus, the Light of the World, could have ...***

*.... appeared, but instead he was \_\_\_\_\_.*

*.... ruled, but instead he \_\_\_\_\_.*

*.... condemned, but instead he \_\_\_\_\_.*

### **Christmas Morning Notes ::**

Can you imagine what it would be like if Jesus were to have come to our world today?

The Gift of Salvation also comes with a lifetime supply of ...



***"So you are no longer a slave, but a son;"***  
*Galatians 4:7*

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# Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

## Monday: 12.26.2011

**Prayer Focus:** The Flushing Community

**Passage:** John 8:12-18

**Insight:** *Christmas is over. The trash is at the curb. Leftovers are in the fridge. Long lines are at the customer service desks. Even more discounts fill your email inbox. What happened to Jesus? Where is he now? Is he in the manger or did they find an apartment? Can you still see His light today? Can you still feel the warmth of its glow? Don't let it fade.*

**Questions for consideration:**

*As Jesus speaks of his validity in this passage, can you see yourself wanting to follow his light?*

*Many question that Jesus was real even today. How do you know that his is real? What's the strength of your testimony?*

## Tuesday: 12.27.2011

**Prayer Focus:** FCC Church Leadership

**Passage:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Insight:** *Our Tuesdays for this series will focus on Old Testament prophecy about Jesus. Have you ever seen a cut tree sprout another branch? I once had a neighbor who cut a tree way back so that I thought it was surely dead. The next spring, what appeared to be a lifeless stump shot out several new limbs. Jesus is good at taking hopeless situations and making wonderful things sprout to life!*

**Questions for consideration:**

*With Jesus, all things are possible. What do you need him to do? How Jesus' light continue to shine in your life?*

## Wednesday: 12.28.2011

**Prayer Focus:** Upward Basketball & Cheer

**Passage:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Insight:** *The story of the Magi is a wonderful reminder that God uses the most amazing things to tell his story. It's probable that the travelers arrived in Bethlehem some time after the birth of Christ. It's also possible that their journey began long before the Christ-child was even conceived in Mary's womb. Either way, their worship is powerful.*

**Questions for consideration:**

*Could you give up several years of your life and several years worth of income to worship Jesus?*

*What can you offer the Lord Jesus today? How can you worship him?*

## Thursday: 12.29.2011

**Prayer Focus:** May God Reveal His Light to You

**Passage:** Psalm 18:1-3, 25-28

**Insight:** *Thursdays will be a day to read from the book of Psalms. As we get ready to close out 2011 and look into 2012, let's be reminded where our hope rests. May these words encourage your heart today and allow you to trust God for all that will come your way this year. May he be all that you need him to be.*

**Questions for consideration:**

*When you look back over your life, how has the Lord been a rock or fortress for you?*

*In what ways do you need him to be your rock or fortress this year?*

## Friday: 12.30.2011

**Prayer Focus:** Our church worship services (1/1/12)

**Passage:** Revelation 22:1-5

**Insight:** *What a wonderful picture of eternal life in today's reading. No more night. No more darkness. No more separation from God's presence. This Sunday, we will be looking at the Light of the World as a "Light that provides." Everything we could ever hope or image ... that's what Heaven will be.*

**Questions for consideration:**

*Is it scary or foreign to think about heaven?*

*What do you look forward to the most about eternal life?*

*What holds you back from believing that God will provide all your needs this year?*



If you are interested in joining our iPray Team that will be interceding our concerns for the church, our community and nation, send Pastor Terry an email or fill out the "Get Involved" insert this morning!