



Week 4: How Lucky You Are

LUKE 2:1-7

1. Can you recall something good that happened to you that made you feel like you were “lucky”?
2. “Manna from heaven” is a term sometimes used to describe how God provides. Read Philippians 4:19. How does God provide for us today?
3. The Church is called to be involved in God’s manna distribution network, helping meet the needs of those who struggle economically, emotionally and spiritually. How is Virginia Beach UMC involved in this work?
4. Pastor Mark describes a book by Dr. Seuss entitled, “Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?” which encourages people who feel discouraged, frustrated or deprived to compare their circumstances with those who are worse off. Realizing that there are many other who are much more unlucky than us actually gives us a better perspective. Do you agree or disagree with this approach? Why or why not?
5. Why might it be better for Christians to consider themselves “blessed” rather than “lucky”?

6. Pastor Mark points out that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a Hebrew name meaning “House of Bread.” Jesus sometimes referred to himself as “The Bread of Life.” Why do you think the idea of “bread” so important in the Bible?
7. Pastor Mark points out that the violence, dysfunction and immorality we read about in the Old Testament is designed to drive home the truth that we are sinners who cannot save ourselves. How does this background help us understand the story of Christmas found in the early part of the New Testament?
8. What do you think it means to “receive Jesus” as your Savior and Lord?
9. Read Revelation 3:20. What does it mean to “open the door and let Jesus into your life”?
10. Pastor Mark points out that Jesus didn’t just save us from something, Jesus saved us for something. What are we saved from? What are we saved for?
11. How can the Church help people receive Jesus as their Savior and follow Jesus as their Lord in the modern times in which we live?