

Christmas in Exile
Out of Southside
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January 2, 2022

Passage:

Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:11-12; John 15:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Principle:

We are called to live as _____ and _____ in this world.

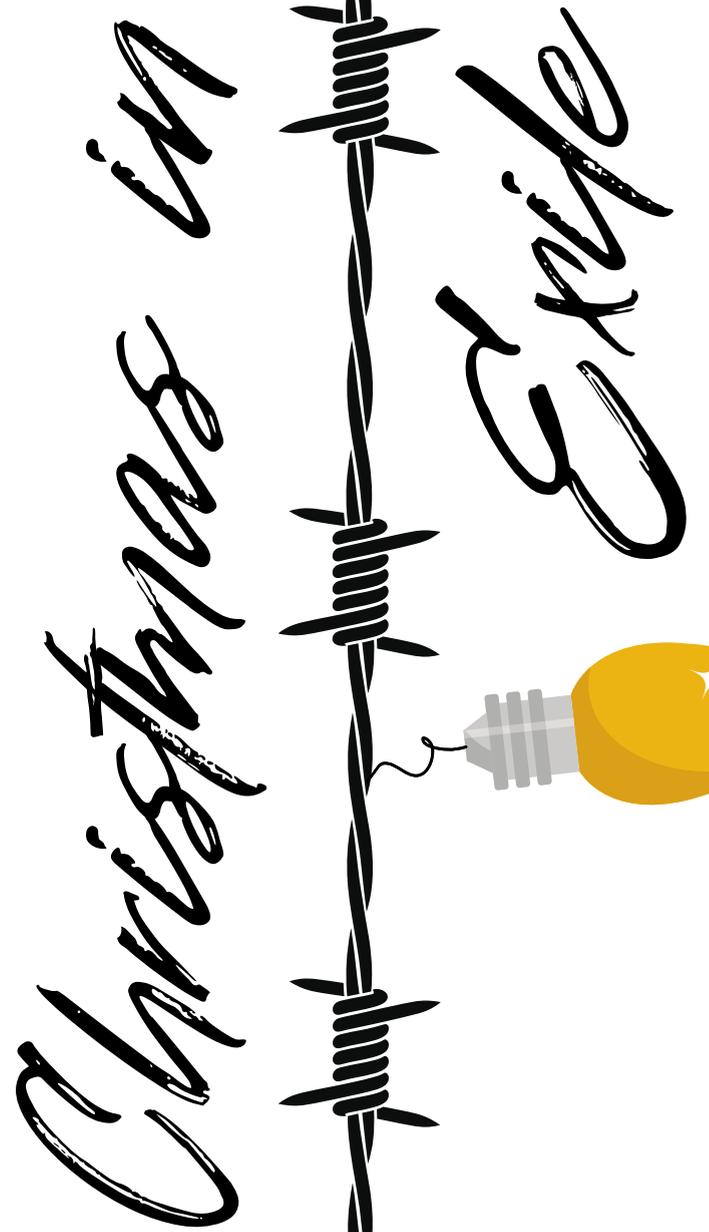
We are Christ's _____ in this world.

Practice:

Pray for God to give you the _____ of an _____.

Make _____ your first and highest priority every day.

Take the _____ in your journey with Jesus.



NEXTGEN OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 6:00 P.M.

Come and see what's new in Next Gen!
Browse programming options for birth through adult, get to know your Next Gen team, and find out what's coming up for spring and summer.

SALT AND MEMBERS MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 4:30 P.M.

For our first quarter in 2022, we will have various workshops and "how to" sessions to help leaders more effectively make disciples and equip those who do.



RSVP TODAY!

MLK WEEKEND OF SERVICE
JANUARY 15-17

Join us on MLK weekend as we help to fight world hunger in partnership with Rise Against Hunger! At this family-friendly event, you will package meals to feed a family of four for 4 days.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Call to Prayer (1/4)
- Financial Peace University (1/12)
- Eat This Book (1/12)

For more details about these and other events, scan or visit ssbc.org



Welcome to Southside/Aspire Church!

We're glad you've chosen to worship with us! If you're here for the first time, you are our special guest. Fill out the information on the other side of this card and visit The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) where we have a gift for you!

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Small Group Questions

Use this outline for personal reflection, as a couples or family devotion, or with a small group.

Southside's small groups focus on the neighborhoods in which we live. We have groups that meet on campus, online, and in homes across our city. Visit ssbc.org/SmallGroups to find yours!

HANGOUT (warming up to the topic):

1. What is one thing you could do (or stop doing) this year that would have the greatest impact on your ability to love God and love others in 2022?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture):

2. Read Philippians 3:7-8.

- What does Paul mean that he counts all his gains as loss compared to knowing Jesus?
- Read Luke 14:26. How do you interpret this verse? How does this teaching of Jesus compare with what Paul is saying?
- What would you have the hardest time calling “garbage” or “hating” in comparison to Jesus? What makes that particularly hard for you? How would the person who knows you best answer this question about you?

3. Read Philippians 3:8-11.

- Why does Paul clarify that the righteousness of God comes from faith in Christ and not from the law?
- You may “know” the barista at a local coffee shop, but you also “know” your spouse or your child. We understand that these are not the same. What does it mean to “know” Christ?
- What specifically about Jesus does Paul want to “know” and why? How has knowing the resurrection and suffering of Jesus changed you?

4. Read Philippians 3:12-14.

- Paul doesn't claim to have full knowledge of Jesus, but he says that he is pressing on to make it his own. What does that tell you about Paul and about your own spiritual development?
- What is the difference between “pressing on” or “aspiring” to know Jesus and “working to earn your salvation”? Does the idea of “salvation by grace through faith alone” negate the need for effort on the part of Jesus' followers? Why or why not?
- What is Paul forgetting? What do you need to “forget” in order to focus on the race set before you?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together - in huddles):

5. What is God's upward calling for you in 2022? Talk about it, invite accountability, and pray together.

Daily Readings:

- Day 1: 1 Peter 1
- Day 2: 1 Peter 2
- Day 3: Philippians 3
- Day 4: Ephesians 4
- Day 5: Jeremiah 29
- Day 6: 2 Corinthians 4
- Day 7: 2 Corinthians 5

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Suggested Resources:

Welcoming the Stranger,

by Matthew Soerens & Jenny Hwang

Exiles on Mission, by Paul Williams

From Every People and Nation,

by J. Daniel Hays

The Music of Christmas,

by Gary & Sheri Webber

Saving Christmas sermon series,

ssbc.org/sermon-series/saving-christmas/

Let's Connect!

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Fill out the information below and place it in the offering basket at the end of service or **connect with us digitally** by texting VIP to 904-441-8650.

GUESTS: Bring this card with you and join us at The Landing (located just outside the sanctuary in the main hall) following worship today. We'd love to meet you!

Name:

Phone:

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I would like more information about:
