Sermon Study Guide - December 4th, 2022

Today's Focus: "Who is this Tender Shoot?"

- 1) Thoughts to get you started...
 - Why is "tender shoot" an appropriate way to describe Jesus as we see him at Christmas?
 - What is still true about Jesus despite what we see at Christmas? How might we think of him as more of a "root" than a "shoot"? How then shall we prepare for his coming?
- 2) Today's Message: Isaiah 11:1-10

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?) How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. What does the first half of our reading reveal about Jesus? How should we react?

2. What does the second half of our reading reveal about Jesus? How should we react?

3. When we see Jesus as both Judge *and* Savior, and hear both law *and* gospel, how does it unlock Christmas's true joy and peace?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:Monday: review Rom. 15:4-13, Matt. 3:1-12Thursday: Isaiah 30Tuesday: Isaiah 40Friday: Romans 2:1-16Wednesday: Matthew 21:1-32Saturday: review Isaiah 11:1-10