

Broken Halos "Week Two"- Jim Burgen

December 9-10, 2017

(Scripture References: *Luke 2:4-7, Hebrews 4:15-16*)

Community:

1. Are you a fan of Christmas music? If so, what is your favorite Christmas song?
2. What is your favorite Christmas movie, and why?

Core:

1. Jim said that faith isn't, "*I believe I am good enough and I can do, and will do, everything that needs to be done.*" Is there anything you are facing in your life where you feel like you're on your own? Do you feel like you are trying to do everything on your own power? What's standing in the way of trusting God and allowing Him work to do what only He can do?
2. **Read Luke 2:1-7.** If you put yourself in Mary and Joseph's shoes, how would you have reacted to this situation? What emotions do you think you'd be feeling? Are those same emotions and reactions present in areas of your life right now and, if so, where?
3. **Read Hebrews 4:15-16.** This passage is referencing Jesus. What kind of Jesus do you think it describes? Does this describe a Jesus that doesn't understand us or a Jesus who can relate, and empathize, with us? What this passage teach us about Jesus' ability to see your perspective on what you're facing?
4. **Read Matthew 27:45-46.** Have you ever felt like Jesus did in these verses? Have you ever felt like God had forsaken or abandoned you? Are you feeling like that right now in any area of your life? What stirs within you when you read that Jesus has felt that way too?
5. Jim said, "*The good news is that God came to suffer **with** you*". Does that (in any way) change your perspective on how you view suffering in your own life? How do you think your life would look if you really believed (and trusted) that Jesus is actually with you, and suffering alongside you, now and in the future? What's holding you back from experiencing this truth?

Challenge:

This week read **Hebrews 4:14-16** each day and spend some time thinking and meditating about the truth that Jesus understands exactly what you're facing in life right now.

Then, dedicate some time to prayer—asking God to show you that Jesus is right next to you, giving you what you need in the midst of what you're dealing with.

