

the  Venues
Go Deep
Don't Mess with My Traditions
Christmas Characters
12.15.19

Who is your favorite Christmas character? Why that one?

Sunday, we looked at quotes from these Christmas characters for spiritual inspiration:

Mr. Potter: *“George, I’m an old man and most people hate me, but I don’t like them either so that makes us even.”*

What philosophy of life does Mr. Potter live by? How prevalent is that philosophy today? What does Jesus say about it (Luke 6:28, 35)?

Ebenezer Scrooge, *“Oh, tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone!”*

How do we sponge away the mistakes in attitudes and actions of the past?

Ebenezer Scrooge, *“The school is not quite deserted,’ said the Ghost. ‘A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still.’ Scrooge said he knew it. And he sobbed.”*

How does that scene change your view of Scrooge?

What is the lesson from this scene?

Rudolph, *“Why am I such a misfit? I am not just a nit-wit. Just because my nose glows, seems I don't fit in.”*

When have you felt like a misfit?

How does Jesus address the problem of exclusion?

Linus, *“A Charlie Brown Christmas,” says, “I never thought it was such a bad little tree...Maybe it just needs a little love.”*

It wasn't just the tree that needed love, it was Charlie Brown. How does love change us?

Buddy, *“So, good news...I saw a dog today.”*

What's the lesson in Buddy's statement? How does Psalm 118:24 sound a bit like Buddy?

Mary, Luke 1:51-53

What stands out to you in these words from Mary? What does this say God wants to do?

Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

What words describe Jesus? How do they create “rest in our souls”?