

## Message Outline

Teaching Tradition:

*A Book (A Christmas Carol)*

Mt. 1:20-21, 2Cor.5:17



**Intro:** Exploring traditions of Christmas that teach us the truth about Christ...

- In 2021: a Beat (Handel's *Messiah*), a Ballet (Nutmcracker), a Book (Dickens *A Christmas Carol*), a Big Screen (It's a Wonderful Life).

### Storyboarding *A Christmas Carol*

- Greed vs. Generosity...
- Mortality and legacy...
- Family, contentment, longsuffering...
- Testimony thru Tiny Tim...
- A story of a central characters conversion...  
\*\*\**Christmas gives us all an opportunity to change!!!*\*\*\*

**Read:** Matthew 1:20-21, 2Corinthians 5:17-18

- Jesus changes lives!!!
- Characters of Christmas changed by Jesus...

### From Humbug to Hallelujah

1) A \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom.10:9)

- How our words impact our ways in life...
- Scrooge's conversion starts with confession: "I will honor Christmas...and try to keep it all the year."

2) A \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb.10:23-25)

- Lasting change needs accountability to others...
- Accountability to God and accountability of other believers...early church model.
- Scrooge and the church bells...

3) A \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 26:20)

- What comes in must come out...
- Engaging in new activities that continues the conversion...

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Candle of Joy



<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 4:4-7 NLT