

SERMON NOTES

Date: December 13, 2020

Series: Enemies of Advent

Title: The Pharisee's Self-Righteousness

Text: Matthew 2:4-6; 3:1-9

Big Idea: The pharisee's show us that self-righteousness can keep us from the love of God at Advent.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

What behaviors or attitudes come to mind when you think of someone who is self-righteous?

How can self-righteous attitudes lead people to be indifferent and apathetic toward Christ?

Read Philippians 3:4-11. How did Paul view his basis for self-righteousness in light of knowing Jesus?

APPLY THE TRUTH

In what ways do you experience indifference or apathy toward the love of God in Christ?

While self-righteousness may keep some from needing a Savior, why do you need one? How does Jesus meet that need for you?

What external behaviors or traditions might get in the way of truly experiencing God's love this Christmas?

What do you need to do to keep these things in proper perspective?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

The world has given us fun holiday music that has nothing to do with Jesus. Commit to filling your heart and mind with songs that rekindle your love for Christ. Be prepared to share one of those songs with someone else this week.