

## SILVER DAWNS BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to attend this year's SILVER DAWNS BIBLE STUDY. For many years, Pastor Mike Coppersmith has taught this Bible Study on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. during the months of November through March. We have a large and energetic group attending each week. The Bible Study is fascinating, the discussion is stimulating, the lessons are very practical, the refreshments are good, and the impact on your faith is powerful!

This year's study is entitled "THE PARABLES OF JESUS" and will look at *Life Lessons from the Lips of Jesus* found in the New Testament Gospels. Here are some of the titles of the studies Pastor Mike has prepared:

The Seed and the Soil  
    The Work of the Enemy  
        The People of the Kingdom  
            The Workers in the Vineyard  
                Consummation of the King

Lost and Found  
    Two Men Visited Church  
        The Shrewd Manager  
            The Tale of Two Sons  
                On Not Giving Up

The Rich Fool  
    The Good Samaritan  
        On Being Thankful  
            The Ten Virgins  
                Lessons of the Lamp

Pastor Mike's Silver Dawns Bible Study meets on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. and meets in the Fellowship Center each Friday through March with the exception of the Friday after Thanksgiving and the Fridays after Christmas Day and New Years Day. This class is designed in such a way that you can start anytime and attend for whatever weeks you are able to do so. Join us as we learn these *Life-Changing Lessons from the Lips of Jesus!*

## CHRISTMAS BEHIND THE SCENES—PART I

### Behind the Pageantry of Christmas

December 14, 2008

## INTRODUCTION

Today:

Four Feelings in the Face of Christmas

## I. THE FEELING OF JOSEPH

In Your Bible:  
Matthew 1:18-21

Joseph Felt:

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## II. THE FEELING OF MARY

In Your Bible:  
Luke 2:1-6

Mary Felt:

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## III. THE FEELING OF THE ONE WHO SAID "NO ROOM!"

In Your Bible:  
Luke 2:7

The "Innkeeper" Felt:

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## IV. THE FEELING OF THE FIRST VISITORS

Matthew 2:11

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and **they bowed down and worshiped him**. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Luke 2:16-18

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, **they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child**, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

The First Visitors Felt:

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## CONCLUSION

Question:  
*Behind the Scenes of Your Life,  
How Are You Feeling in the Face of the Christ of Christmas?*

This Week:

1. Identify which of the four feelings best described you?
2. Ask God to show you what might be happening in your life that makes you feel that way?
3. Re-read the "behind the scenes" events of the birth of