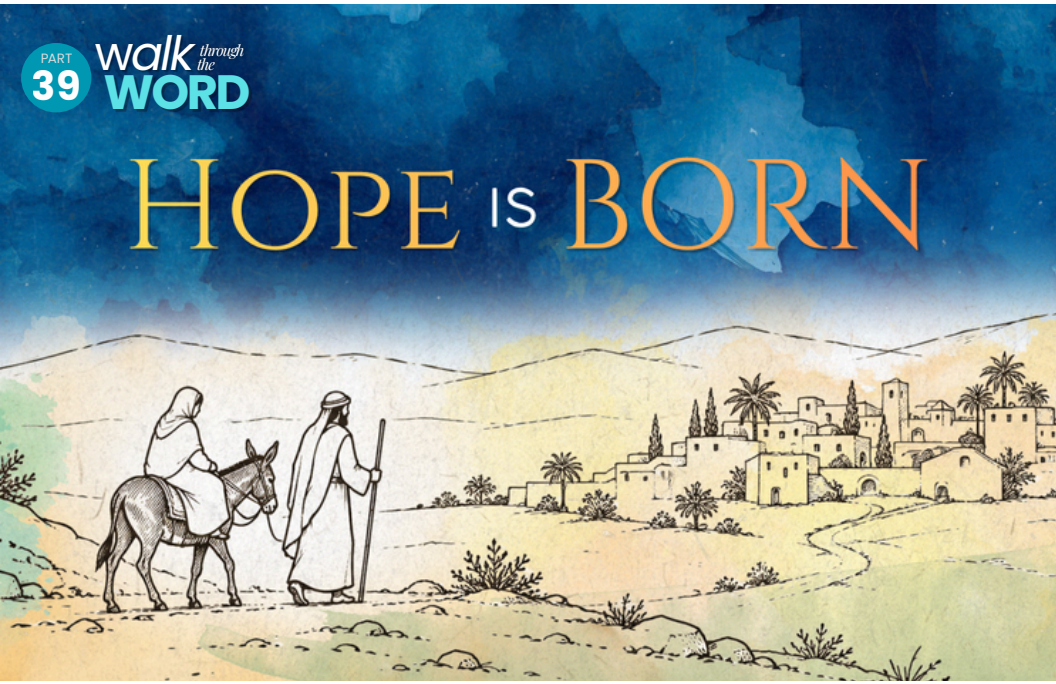
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Our Mission

"Go and **MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, **BAPTIZING** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **TEACHING** them to observe all I have commanded you." - *Jesus Christ*

Message Notes

Walk Through The Word - Part 39
"Hope is Born" - Luke 2:1-7

The Old Testament prophets had spoken of a coming King, a promised Son, a Shepherd for God's people, and a Saviour who would bring God's salvation to the nations. Israel had waited through exile, oppression, foreign rulers, and centuries of silence. Then, in an obscure village, to an ordinary young couple, the long-awaited hope of Israel entered the world...

1) The Hope God _____ — *Luke 2:1–7*

- The centuries of waiting did not mean God was absent, He was _____ the arrival of His promised King.
- Jesus' birth doesn't begin with Luke 2; it begins with the _____ of the Old Testament.
- *See Genesis 3:15, Genesis 12:1–3, 2 Samuel 7:12–16, Isaiah 9:6–7, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 52–53*

2) The Hope God _____ — *Luke 2:8–14*

- Notice the three titles the angels use:
  - _____: Jesus has come to rescue us from sin.
  - _____: He is the promised Messiah, God's Anointed King.
  - _____: Jesus' rule is supreme.
- The Messiah comes not first to kings in palaces, but to _____ people.

3) The Hope We Now _____ — *Luke 2:15–20*

- The shepherds do not simply hear the good news. They go and _____. Then they go and _____.
- Because Jesus has come, we have hope to receive, a Saviour to worship, and good news to proclaim.

Going Deeper

1) We see that Jesus' birth did not begin with Luke 2, but with the promises of the Old Testament. Why is it important to understand Jesus as the fulfillment of a plan that began long before His birth?

2) Israel waited through exile, oppression, foreign rulers, and centuries of apparent silence. Have you ever experienced a season when God's promises seemed distant or His presence seemed difficult to recognize? What can Jesus' birth teach us about waiting on God?

3) The angels describe Jesus as Savior, Christ, and Lord (Luke 2:11). What does each title tell us about Jesus? Which of these three truths most challenges or encourages you personally?

4) Why do you think God chose shepherds as the first people to hear the announcement of Jesus' birth? What does this tell us about the kind of people Jesus came to save and the way God's kingdom operates?

5) The shepherds heard the good news, went to see Jesus, worshipped, and then told others what they had experienced. What do you think keeps Christians from moving from simply hearing about Jesus to actively sharing the good news about Him?

6) The OT prophets looked forward to God's salvation, while the shepherds actually encountered the newborn Messiah. What difference should it make to us that we live on this side of Christ's coming?

7) We learned today that because Jesus has come, we have hope to receive, a Saviour to worship, and good news to proclaim. Which of those three responses (receive, worship, proclaim) do you think deserves greater attention in your life right now? Why?

Looking Ahead

News & Upcoming Events:

- **Ladies Night Out:** Monday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Swiss Chalet on Manning Road. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and encouragement! Invite a friend who doesn't attend our church. Enjoy two interesting speakers, and everyone will go home with a special gift. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Connecting With Others:

- **Small Groups:** For details, contact *pastorjames@banwellchurch.org*
- **Friendship Circle:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am
- **Age Unlimited (Age 55+):** Wed. Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. Gord Hambly will be sharing about important financial matters for seniors. Thanksgiving meal to follow. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.
- **Young Adults (Age 18-35):** Next on Saturday, October 10 at 9am. contact *pastorjames@banwellchurch.org* for more details.
- **Kingdom Kids (Grades 1-5):** Thursdays from 6:30-7:45 pm. For details contact *heather@banwellchurch.org*
- **Youth Group (Grades 6-12)**: Fridays at 6:30-8:45pm
- **Prayer Group:** Fridays at 10am in Library
- **Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, October 24 at 8:30 am. Sign up online or at Welcome Desk.

For more information on news and events,
check out our website, or contact the office.