Week 9

Sunday, Dec 19 Luke 2:8-201

For Reflection: What do you treasure most about the coming of Jesus or about the good news of the gospel? Does God's understated manner surprise you? (see footnote if this question is confusing.)

Lagniappe: Isaiah 9:6

Monday, Dec 20 Isaiah 9:1-7

For Reflection: What does Isaiah mean by darkness? What has been the darkest time in your life? What do you wish you knew then that you know now?

Lagniappe: Matthew 4:13-17

Tuesday, Dec 21 Zephaniah 3:14-17

For Reflection: What is the greatest mercy God extended to you? What was the specific context that required the mercy of God?

Lagniappe: 1 john 4:10

Wednesday, Dec 22 Luke 2:21-35

For Reflection: What is the longest you have waited for a promise to be fulfilled, or an expectation to be realized? What are you waiting for this Christmas?

Lagniappe: Isaiah 8:13-15 and Isaiah 49:6

Thursday, Dec 23 Luke 2:36-40

For Reflection: Who is the Simeon and/or Anna in your life? In as much as they spoke to encourage and prepare Mary and Joseph,

to whom are you a Simeon or an Anna? **Lagniappe**: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Friday, Dec 24 John 1:1-5²

For Reflection: Where or in Whom do you see the light of the world shining brightly? How is the light of the world shining in

your life?

Lagniappe: Isaiah 60:3

¹ Though this announcement seems big and supernatural - it is not. You would think the light of the world would be introduced to the world. Hardly anyone was "in-the-know" before the birth, only a few more on the night of the birth, and no one who you could call influential.

² "The Word" is a nickname for Jesus

Saturday, Dec 25 John 1:10-14

For Reflection: How are you knowing (vs 10), accepting (vs 11), and receiving Jesus today? What does John mean by full of grace and truth?

Lagniappe: Isaiah 40:5
Merry Christmas!!!