

It is appropriate as we begin Advent to consider how we might find ourselves in the middle of what God is doing now. This season, perhaps even more than any other, it is easy to become too distracted or busy to notice what the Creator of the universe is up to. This Sunday we look at the discipline of paying attention, and in doing so, we may discover the source of Mary's joy.

First Step

Luke 1:46-56 (Sermon Text)

Matthew 1:23

Step In

The Christmas season often brings with it an additional list of things to do to in an already too-busy schedule -- making it something to dread rather than something to anticipate with joy. What do you dread most about Christmas?

Step Up

We sometimes think that God gets "lost in the shuffle" of shopping trips, wrapping, baking, children's activities and party planning. But God is not the one who is lost.

How can we increase our awareness of His presence during this holiday season?

What can we do to remind ourselves to reconnect with God in each of our activities and with each person that surrounds us?

Step Out

The Advent Conspiracy suggests four ways to return our focus to the life-changing birth of our Savior: worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all.

Discuss ways these four might be incorporated into your holiday traditions.

Sermon Notes