

## Christmas 2015: Elements Class

### 5 Things to remember this Christmas:

- **Manger**
- **Message**
- **Ministry**
- **Mission**
- **Master**

### Manger

“...the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” **Luke 2:6-7**

-The manger scene should remind us of God's \_\_\_\_\_ human son, who was brought into being among the animals.

-The manger should remind us of man's \_\_\_\_\_ from this perfect position with God.

-The manger should remind us of our \_\_\_\_\_ birth, \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

-The manger scene should remind us that we are each born and live with “no room” in our \_\_\_\_\_ for God.

-The manger scene should remind us of the \_\_\_\_\_ to which God was willing to go to keep his promises.

### Message

“From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’.” **Matthew 4:17** “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” **Luke 5:32**

-Jesus' message should remind us that we are each sinful, in need of \_\_\_\_\_.

-Jesus' message should remind us of the core things we should be \_\_\_\_\_ to the lost.

- 1) The end is near... God is coming.
- 2) Change your thinking... and agree with God.
- 3) You are not good enough... believe what God has done.

### Personal Notes:

## Ministry

“And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.” **Matthew 15:29-31**

-Jesus' ministry should remind us that we are each \_\_\_\_\_ in many ways and we need his touch.

-Jesus' ministry shows us that real ministry not only meets the physical needs of people, but it meets their \_\_\_\_\_ needs as well and brings them to God.

-Jesus' ministry shows us that all true help, all true healing, all true comfort and all real saving can be \_\_\_\_\_ in him alone.

## Mission

“So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull... There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them...and he said, ‘It is accomplished,’ and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” **John 19:17-18, 30**

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” **Matt 1:21**

-Jesus' mission should remind us that we need \_\_\_\_\_. We are not ok as we are!

-Jesus' mission should remind us that we are also on a mission to seek and save the \_\_\_\_\_ all around us.

-Jesus' mission should remind us what true \_\_\_\_\_ for others looks like.

## Master

“And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” **Philippians 2:8-11**

-Seeing Jesus as master should remind us that one day we will all \_\_\_\_\_ before him.

-Seeing Jesus as master should remind us that even now, in all things, I should \_\_\_\_\_ to his will, his purpose and his design.

**Personal Notes:**