

Pastor Toby Locke Week 4- December 31, 2017

## **Unpacking Christmas**

(Luke 2:4-21)

Introduction: Boxing Day at Jo-Ann Fabrics...on to the next thing!

Is there any way off the merry-go-round?

Luke 2:4-17 – Now, that's a LOT to process, right?

## Two Reactions to the "Christmas Story"

- The People on the Fringe (Luke 2:18)
  - o Incredulous Surprise.
  - o Ultimately, on to the next thing...
    - Mary... (Luke 2:19-21)
  - Preserved the Memories. (Luke 2:19a)

Application: How do you intentionally preserve the memories of what God is teaching you?

• Pondered the Events. (Luke 2:19b)

Application: Do you often take time to figure out how your experiences mesh with God's promises?

• Prepared for her Mission. (Luke 2:21)

<u>Application</u>: Are you confident that you are doing what God has called you to do?