



The Ideas

Behind Christmas: **HOPE**

Luke 1:67-79

Introduction: So...why didn't Jesus come a LOT sooner?

Idea #2: Choosing to HOPE in God is the only way to OVERCOME the darkness.

⇒ What do we need to know about hope?

- Hope takes the darkness SERIOUSLY. (Luke 1:71, 75-79)

- Hope is always based on God's PROMISES. (Luke 1:72-75)

- Hope bets everything on God's trustworthy CHARACTER. (Luke 1:76-78a)

Concluding Questions:

- ⇒ Have you already surrendered to the darkness?
- ⇒ Are you fiercely clinging to your confidence that God will show up?