

**Christmas: The Gift is Waiting**  
**“A Gift worth Understanding” Joel Goff, Interim Pastor**

Discussion Questions

1. Last week Pastor Joel encouraged people to “look for Jesus”. What have you done this week in order to be open and aware of God’s presence and His work around you? Share with your group your experience.
2. This week’s sermon was a long and complicated text and yet it was a pretty basic explanation of the Good News of Jesus. Pastor Joel first mentioned that Jesus came to repair and restore what sin had destroyed. Take a look at John 3: 16-17. How does verse 17 encourage you knowing that Jesus did not come to condemn but to save. Is that what most people believe our “message” is? Why or why not?
3. Finally, there were three gifts that Joel mentioned:  
We are no longer slaves to the fear of death  
Jesus has overcome our guilt  
In becoming one of us He gave to us the power to defeat temptation  
What do each of these promises mean to you personally? As a group have a few people share their answer to each “gift”.
4. Close by thanking God not only for salvation and how it has changed your life but also for the people who were part of God’s activity in bringing you to Jesus.