



Home Teams
DISCUSSION GUIDE

the
Gift

WHAT WE NEED MOST

December 15 & 16, 2018

The Gift: Week 4

Gifts for Everyone

BIG IDEA:

The gift of Jesus is so powerful we live our lives differently.

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. How has a Christmas gift changed your life?
2. If we were looking at your family and extended family Christmas pictures, who would you not want us to point out and ask about?

IN THE WORD

1. Who would you be most proud to have in your genealogy from [Matthew 1:1-16](#). Why?
2. Who is the most embarrassing person in the lineage of Jesus in [Matthew 1?](#) Why do you think that?
3. In [Matthew 9:9-11](#), we gain some insights into Matthew's life. How does this help you understand why he wrote what he did in [Matthew 1:1-16](#)?
4. What is Jesus's message in Matthew [9:12](#)?
5. How does the verse in [Matthew 9:12](#) clarify the difference between Jesus and Santa's Naughty & Nice List?

6. In what ways does [Romans 5:8](#) describes how Christ feels about forgiveness and new life for all no matter one's past?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Have you ever felt unqualified to serve God? Why? How did you move beyond that?
2. We have all experienced disappointments or felt our parents were disappointed with something we have done in our life. What can we learn from Matthew to help us deal with failure and disappointment in our relationship with others?
3. Compare how a performance-based relationship with God is inferior to the acknowledgement of our sin and the forgiveness Jesus wants to bring to all of us. How does this free us to respond more genuinely to God and others?
4. Who can you encourage this Christmas season with Jesus' coming to bring hope and forgiveness to all?

CONTINUED LEARNING

Read [Galatians 2:11-21](#) and [3:15-24](#). Notice that even Peter did not always live as he should. Yet Paul, the writer, reminds us that we are not made right by what we do for God, but because we are set free by Jesus' sacrifice to be justified and serve God. Everyone can be forgiven and serve God regardless of their past failures.

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