

LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Based on: Isaiah 9:6

December 15, 2019

Overview:

Some Christmas gifts need to be accepted with a great deal of humility. Recently in the news there has been a huge uproar involving a husband giving his wife a Peloton bike for Christmas. Now while it is an extremely bad idea to give an exercise bike for Christmas, it does illustrate my point. It would take a great deal of humility to accept an exercise bike. Even if you wanted one. To accept the bike means there is something about yourself you want to see changed.

Imagine for a moment one of your friends gave you a book for Christmas titled: "Ten Steps to Break Bad Habits." This might be the end of the friendship, but it could also shed light on your own behavior. I heard it said that it is a divine gift to see your behavior through the eyes of someone else. You may not like the book at all, but may find it useful to helping you change. Maybe another friend enrolled you into a financial management program for Christmas. This friend got tired of seeing you struggle financially so they decided to help you out by getting you financial counseling. Although you may see the value of this gift it would still take a good deal of humility to accept.

Now we come to the greatest gift of all: Jesus. Before you accept the gift of Jesus you first need to admit you are a sinner. Jesus doesn't take you from being good to great. You have to humbly come to Him and admit you are a sinner in need of Grace. You cannot accept the greatest gift of all without humility. I am not talking about beating yourself up emotionally. I am referring to admitting the darkness of your heart. James 4:6 states: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."¹ Humbly accept Jesus, the greatest gift of all, this Christmas season.

Bible Study: Isaiah 9:6

1. What are some of the best Christmas gifts you have received?
2. How do you plan on keeping this Christmas season focused on Jesus?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6. In what ways does each name in this verse describe God?
4. Jesus brought light to a dark world. How has He brought light to your life?
How has your life changed through having a relationship with Him?
5. In what ways does being humble and believing in Jesus go together?

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Jas 4:6). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

