

**Series:** The Spirit of Christmas, Intentionally Christian at Christmas

**Sermon:** Deciding to grow in Christ at Christmas

**Primary texts:** Ephesians 4:11-15; Philippians 2:12-13

**Discussion guide:**

- What is your favorite or most meaningful Christmas ornament and why?
- Read John 10:10
  - What do you think Jesus means when He says He came that might have “abundant” or “full” life?
    - Is that a reference only to heaven or to life *right now*? explain?
    - How can/does Jesus make our lives abundant and full *now*?
- What does it mean to mature in Christ?
- Read Philippians 2:12-13,
  - Why does “work out your own salvation” mean?
  - Why with “fear and trembling”?
  - What is God at work within us doing?
  - How can we apply the Gospel to all areas of our life?
  - What are some things that the Gospel means for us other than salvation from sins?
  - How can we “grow in our understanding and application” of the Gospel?
- Read Ephesians 4:11-15,
  - What does verse 13 and 15 say about Christian maturity?
  - In what areas are we to “grow up” into Christ?
  - How can we help each other grow up into Christ?