



MESSAGE SERIES
CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Part 3
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BRIDGEPOINT CHURCH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

This guide is designed to assist you in creating a space for genuine connection and conversation within your Life Group. Don't feel pressured to address every question each week. Rather, allow the Holy Spirit to guide you as you lead your group in uncovering what God intends to communicate to you all.

The guide comprises three sections: **Loving**, **Learning**, and **Living**. Each section aims to steer your conversation towards meaningful discussions about spiritual growth, both as individuals and as members of the body of Christ.

LOVING

Dedicate the first few moments together to connecting and growing as a group (approx. 10-15 minutes). Go around the group, allowing enough space for each person to respond to at least one of these questions.

How have you seen God at work in your life since the last time we met?

What has been one high and one low since the last time we met?

How did you do with living out what we talked about last time we met?

Before moving on, take a moment to stop and pray together, and for one another. Collect prayer requests from the group and commit to praying for them throughout the following week.

LEARNING

The majority of the group discussion is devoted to open dialogue, reflecting on God's Word and its personal application to each of our lives (approx. 60-75 min).

The **BIG** Idea: Christmas is God's invitation to lasting peace in Jesus

Scriptures:

Psalms 98:1-9; Luke 2:8-14; Hebrews 4:14-16

Discussion Questions:

Begin by sharing the differences of joy and happiness.

How do we and the culture around get these two

confused and intermingled?

Isaac Watts wrote Joy to the World as a response to

Psalms 98. How do you see the themes of joy and

salvation reflected in both the psalm and the carol?

The story of the shepherds in Luke 2, show how they

encountered extraordinary joy in the midst of an

average night. Take a moment and imagine what they

might have seen, felt, and heard. How would they have

been affected by this. How can this inspire you to find

joy in the ordinary moments of your life?

The angel proclaimed "good news of great joy for all

people." What is the "good news" that the angel is

proclaiming. How does this message encourage you,

and how can you share it with others this Christmas?

C.S. Lewis said, "Joy is the serious business of heaven."

How can you pursue a joy that is deep and lasting,

rather than fleeting and dependent on circumstances?

LIVING

This week, take intentional steps to embrace and reflect the joy of Jesus. Read through Psalms 98:1-8 again and reflect on what the author is feeling and communicating. Then, identify areas in your life where joy seems fleeting or absent. Spend time each day in prayer or reflection, asking God to fill those spaces with His lasting joy. Then, look for opportunities to bring joy to someone else—a word of encouragement, a kind gesture, or an act of service.

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