

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Who Needs Christmas? Message Series

We Need Christmas
for the week of December 22, 2019

1. What is one of your favorite Christmas memories? Why is it special to you?

We reduce Christmas to forgiveness. We can't live up to God's standards, so he sent Jesus to make things right. Maybe your entire experience with God has been this - nobody's perfect, but God forgives. That message isn't necessarily incorrect, but it's incomplete. The message of Christmas is bigger and better than that.

2. Read Matthew 1:18-21. Why was it so significant that the Messiah would save people from their sins?
3. What do people today believe they need to be saved from? Do people think they need to be saved from their sins? Why or why not?
4. Read John 10:10. Is it difficult for you to believe Jesus wants you to have life to the full? Why or why not?
5. Do you tend to view the story of Christmas as Jesus providing forgiveness for your sins or as Jesus setting you free from sin? What has shaped your view of the Christmas story?
6. Is it difficult for you to believe that sin doesn't have to be your master? Is it difficult to believe that Jesus has set you free? Why or why not?
7. Read Romans 6: 12-14. What do you think it would look like for you to "offer yourself to God"? How would your daily life be different?
8. Does sin currently master you? What can you do to remind yourself that sin is not your master because Jesus has set you free? How can this group support you?
9. As you head into 2020, what step can you take to live in the freedom you have been given through Jesus?



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