

Connected Christmas 12/12/21

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Message Summary:

“Every Christmas functions like a kind of time machine for us, taking us back to every other Christmas we’ve spent on this earth. For some people it’s the smell of pine, and the taste of roast turkey, it’s mom and dad sitting around in their bathrobes sipping coffee while the kids chase the new puppy through a sea of wrapping paper.”

“But for others, it is a reminder of the way life should have been but never was – those who have looked all their lives through other people’s windows at such scenes of domestic bliss, but never as an insider.”

Christmas might be warm and filled with joy for many but for others it may be painful.

There’s the home we long for and the home we have, and there’s always a gap between them.

There’s a longing for home inside each of us that no human home can satisfy.

OT: We are homesick for God.

Genesis 8:9

Psalms 84:3-4

Psalms 90:1

Psalms 91:1

Malachi 4:6

Is homesickness a yearning to connect with God?

NT depicts God as homesick for us. At its core, it is what Christmas is all about.

God is homesick for us.

John 1:14

“Dwelling” is the same word used for “tabernacle” in the Old Testament.

John 14:2-3

Jesus is the groom who has the room ready for us. We are the bride that has been bought with a price.

John 14:2-3

John 14:6

Jesus went to the cross so you could come home for Christmas.

John 14:23

Revelation 21:3-4

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you from the message?
2. Thinking back to last week’s message, share ways you intentionally connected with God. What went well? What do you want to try this week?
3. What encouragement do you receive from the Scriptures shared in this message? Read the passages with fresh eyes and make observations.