

New & Improved

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Intro

NO MATTER THE IMPROVEMENT, WE CORRUPT IT.

BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS, EVERYTHING IS IMPROVED AND ABOUT TO BE MADE NEW. LUKE 1:26-38

- Isaiah 7:14
- 2 Samuel 7:12–14a

JESUS IS THE NEW HUMANITY, AND OUR HOPE.

- Romans 5:12
- 1 Corinthians 15:22a
- Acts 2:24
- 1 Corinthians 15:21–22

WE CAN HAVE HOPE BY BEING BROUGHT INTO THE NEW HUMANITY.

• John 1:12–13

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GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. What's the craziest home Christmas light display you've ever seen? What's the craziest decoration you've ever put up at your home?
- 2. Why do you think people try to make things better or new? What are some of the motivations or underlying beliefs of this pursuit?
- 3. When you look back on your life, where did you turn to try and fix what was wrong (or improve things) with your life before you surrendered your life to Christ?
- 4. Do you find that any of those old places or solutions you turned to still appeal to you today? Why or why not?
- 5. **Read Luke 1:26-38.** What do we learn about Jesus from the angel's message? What are the implications of these pronouncements for us?
- 6. **Read John 1:12**. Using the image of "receiving" someone (v. 12), how would you explain faith to someone? What is the result of this type of faith?
- 7. Who in your family or circle of friends can you share the Christmas story with this month?

PRAYER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12