



**Fall 2022 | 12.04.22**

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## ANNOUNCE

- We're in our Christmas series, "A Better Christmas"! We want to create a fun and festive vibe on Sundays, so please join us in dressing for the season!
  - Sunday 12/11 - Ugly Christmas sweaters
  - Sunday 12/18 - fancy Christmas - dress in your Christmas best!
- THANK YOU to everyone who helped to set up all of our Christmas Decor last week! We still need some help tearing down after service, so if you're able to stay this weekend 12/11 or next wknd 12/18, please text Katie Moore - 818-585-2500
- Christmas Service is on Sunday, 12/18!
  - Since Christmas and New Year's Day are on Sundays this year, our last in person service will be our Christmas Service on 12/18.
  - We will have an online Christmas experience for Christmas weekend and our end of year Volunteer Appreciation Day on 1/1/23!
- This week is the last official week of this Fall Life Group season, but if you celebrate Christmas together next week, please take pics to send in the LG Chat!
  - Life Groups will kick off again in January! :)

## INTRO & ICE BREAKER

[\[Life Group Intro Video\]](#)

**Introduce yourself and answer this:** What's a Christmas tradition that you do every year?

## RECAP & DISCUSSION

In this week's message, Pastor Jimmy spoke about why we celebrate the Christmas story and how we should live in response to the love that God showed by coming to save us from sin.

### **Discussion:**

- Let's spend a few moments sharing what stood out to us from the message on Sunday. What was new or unexpected? What impacted you the most? What did you talk about after service?

**Have someone read:** Luke 2:10-20; Galatians 4:4-7

**Discussion:** Pastor Jimmy shared that the good news the angel of the Lord brought to the shepherds was an announcement that God had come to save us from the mess of this world. He emphasized that the love of God is not something that is earned, but it is an act of a loving Father, who wants to redeem us.

- How does thinking about the Christmas story through this lens change your view of how God sees you?
- How might this change your view on earning the love of God?

**Discussion:** Pastor Jimmy described how the shepherds who heard the good news about Jesus' birth immediately began to announce it to others. He talked about how we should live in response to understanding that we have been saved by a loving God. We should not only want to do good in our lives, but also share the good news with the people around us.

- What does it mean to you to live in response to this good news?
- How could you share your story of how knowing Jesus has changed your life?

## PRAY

One of the things that we want to focus on each season of Life Groups is to get comfortable praying out loud together. Close out your time together with prayer. If you're a newer Life Group, the leader can set an example by leading in prayer, but explain that we'll all be doing this over the next few weeks together. Explain that prayer is simply talking to God - there aren't perfect words to say. Next week, encourage someone else to close in prayer!

Are there any prayer requests or praise/celebrations?

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