

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME

1. For some of us, Christmas is a reminder that there are:

- Problems we can't solve.
- People we can't control.
- Expectations we can't meet.

Which one of these does Christmas bring to light for you and why?

2. The following verses are called the "one another" verses, because they are commands regarding how we are to treat one another - based on how Jesus has treated us. Is there a particular verse you need to read and apply this week? Circle that verse and pray through that verse this week.

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| Love (John 13:34) | Be devoted and honor (Romans 12:10) |
| Live in harmony (Romans 12:16) | Build up (Romans 14:19) |
| Be likeminded (Romans 15:5) | Accept (Romans 15:7) |
| Encourage (1 Thessalonians 5:11) | Care for (1 Corinthians 12:25) |
| Serve (Galatians 5:13) | Forgive (Ephesians 4:32) |
| Be patient (Ephesians 4:2) | Speak the truth (Ephesians 4:15) |
| Comfort (1 Thessalonians 4:18) | Pray (James 5:16) |

3. Who could you do a better job of loving in spite of it being "complicated"? What would loving them better look like?

MESSAGE NOTES

Reasons For The Season // Week 3

Review:

Week one: Jesus came to BLESS the world.

Week two: Jesus came to DEMONSTRATE what God is like.

Today: Jesus came to REMOVE our excuses.

*"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" **Matthew 1:23***

*"Christians get very angry toward other Christians who sin differently than they do."
- **Philip Yancey***

The self-righteous lack SELF-AWARENESS.

*God is love... **1 John 4:16***

MEMORY VERSE:

*So the Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one & only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14***

*God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love - not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. **1 John 4:9-11***

*We love because he first loved us. **1 John 4:19***



