

TALK IT OVER

A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

A Merry LITTLE Christmas - Episode 3, A Christmas of Uncertainty

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions towards the end of this document.

Icebreaker: What is the most unexpected gift you ever received for Christmas?

Big Idea: We all want to know that if we DO all the right things, we can be CERTAIN that bad things will not happen.

This will be a Christmas of Uncertainty

1. What is causing you the most uncertainty this Christmas season?

Questions: What gift are you hoping for the most this Christmas season? How likely is it that you are going to experience that gift this year?

2. God has an eternal perspective.

Galatians 4:4 (NLT) But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

Questions: What has happened in your life that you felt was the wrong time for it to happen? Has your mind been changed about the timing of that event since it happened? Is it possible it happened at the right time and you just were not aware when it happened?

3. Where do you store your treasure?

Matthew 6:21 (NLT) Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Questions: Do you agree that where your treasure is, your heart will also be? How does this idea impact the way you make financial decisions?

4. We need freedom!

Galatians 4:5 (NLT) God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Questions: Where do you need freedom in your life right now? Do you consider an area where you have worries and fears as something you need freedom from?

Romans 10:9-10 NIV If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Questions: Where are you with God right now? Do you have certainty about your relationship with him right now?

Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message!

1. **What did you hear?** What point in this message was most impactful for you?
2. **What do you think?** How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?
3. **What will you do?** How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?

Action Steps

Let's get past all our uncertainty this season. Christmas will be different; we all understand that. However, we can ask God to help us in dealing with our worries and fears this season. We can make the decision to pray about everything, to allow Jesus to join us in our struggles, and to receive freedom from all that is keeping us down.