



Table Discussion Guide

Week 2 - "The Little Drummer Boy"

Main Point: The greatest gift I can give Jesus this Christmas is gratitude.

Discussion Opener

As we talked about in the 'Holidaze Series' before this one, we have been challenged to simplify this season. This Christmas season, what has been the main thing at the front of your mind? What have you spent the most time on? Are you spending time with Jesus as you prepare for Christmas?

Discussion Questions

1. Read aloud the lyrics to 'The Little Drummer Boy'. Slow it down a bit and think about what is being said.
2. In the song, it seems the boy is hesitant to approach Jesus with the gift he has. At the moment he realizes the King is a baby, he becomes more confident. What is it about the King of Kings coming to earth in the form of a baby that makes Him more approachable?
3. It was normal for Kings to use political power for selfish gain. Jesus' power came not from the sacrifice of others, but the sacrificing of *himself*. How is Jesus' approach to influence and power so different even from our world today?
4. In the message, we discussed approaching Jesus with a *contrite* heart. Discuss this idea in practical terms. How can we in real ways have a contrite heart in our daily lives? How can we approach Jesus with gratitude?

Practice/Discipline For the Week: *Advent Scriptures*. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming". The Advent Season has traditionally been celebrated as the time in December leading up to Christmas Day. The idea is to read scriptures and prepare yourself to celebrate not just the birth of Jesus, but the fact that He will return. On the opposite side of this guide, there are scripture references for further study relating to this Advent Season.

Promise of the Savior

Promise of the Seed to Adam - Genesis 3:15

Promise of the Seed to Abraham - Genesis 22:15-18

Promise of the Seed to Judah - Genesis 49:8-12

Promise of the Seed to David - 2 Samuel 7:8-16

Promise of the Son to the Nations - Psalm 2:1-12

Promise of the Virgin Birth - Isaiah 7:14

Promise of the Coming King - Isaiah 9:2-7

Promise of the Coming Ruler - Micah 5:2

Anticipation of the Savior

Joseph's Anticipation of the Savior - Matthew 1:18-25

Mary's Anticipation of the Savior - Luke 1:26-38

Elizabeth's Anticipation of the Savior - Luke 1:39-45

Mary's Song in Anticipation of the Savior - Luke 1:46-56

Zechariah's Anticipation of the Savior - Luke 1:67-79

Birth of the Savior

The Birth of the Savior - Luke 2:1-7

The Birth Announced by the Angels - Luke 2:8-21

The Birth Celebrated by Simeon - Luke 2:22-35

The Birth Feared by King Herod - Matthew 2:1-8

The Birth Celebrated by the Wise Men - Matthew 2:9-12

Reflecting on the Savior

Reflecting on Christ's Incarnation - John 1:1-14

Reflecting on Christ's Redemption - Galatians 4:4-7

Reflecting on Christ's Salvation - Titus 3:4-8

Reflecting on Christ's Exaltation - Revelation 5:1-14

Reflecting on Christ's Promise to the Nations - Revelation 7:9-12

Reflecting on Christ's Future Restoration for Believers - Revelation 21:1-5