

Welcome & Prayer

KING JESUS – we recognize that the real Christmas story was not as calm, bright & merry as our Christmas cards depict. There was a dark & broken mess in the world that you entered as a fragile infant. There was a battle being waged for human hearts. You were, and are the Victor! Thank you for engaging the darkness and coming to seek and save the lost, including us. Help us to surrender our 'paper' thrones and kingdoms to you, our rightful and righteous King of Kings. Amen.

Connect

What are your **Five Faves** for **Christmas**?

- : Favorite Christmas Carol/Song? _____
- : Favorite Christmas Treat/Dessert? _____
- : Favorite Christmas Movie? _____
- : Favorite Christmas Light Colour? _____
- : a Favorite Christmas Gift Received? _____

Check In

- :: Has anyone been using the Christmas Devotional/Prayer-Booklet from the Church...and if so, how has God been using that in your life this month?
- :: What is 1 thing you're Thankful to God for from 2015?
- :: What is one thing you're Praying about this Christmas season?

Sunday Message Feedback

1. **Begin your study together by reading Matthew 2:1-12**
2. Which 'Villain' in Scripture, besides the Devil, jumps out at you? (*eg. Pharaoh, Jezebel, Delilah, Goliath, Nebuchadnezzar, King Herod, Pilate, Pharisees, Caesar, Judas Iscariot, etc.*).
*Why did you pick the villain you mentioned?
3. **Have you ever thought of the Christmas story as a spiritual battle between God and the devil?** Why/why not?
4. **Read Ephesians 6:10-18 and John 10:10.**
*How are these verses relevant to the Christmas story? Discuss.
5. **Read Matthew 2:1-10**
*Which of Herod's actions stand out the most to you?

6. Why is pursuing power and position so prevalent in our society today? Discuss.

*Share about a time when your pursuit of power/position, paranoia or worry led you to a cruel action. How did that make you feel? How did the other person/people feel?

7. King Herod was battling for his Throne. He did not want to give it up.

*In what parts of your life have you tried hard to keep Jesus from being King?

*What part of your life are you keeping Jesus from sitting on the throne?

*Where have you treated Jesus as a threat to your "kingdom"?

Application & Prayer

*Break into smaller groups for PRAYER (Men & Women, or groups of 3-4)

* **Use the feedback from question 10 as a focus for your Prayer.**

Merry Christmas!

:Our first Life Group of 2016 will be on _____.

Coming Up at Main Street Church

:: **D-DAY** – Delivery Day for our Hunger to Hope Christmas Hampers

* **Saturday, December 19th** – Beginning at 9am in our Chapel (use back parking lot).

:: **CHRISTMAS EVE Service Times**

* **3:30pm * 5:15pm * 7pm** --- at Main Street Church.

:: **SUNDAY, December 27th.**

* **One Service** – at 10:45am.

:: **YEAR END PRAYER SUMMIT**

* **Thursday, December 31st** – 6pm-7:30pm. Chapel.