

Christmas Traditions: The Gift of Jesus

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 1. In so many ways, Jesus is the greatest gift!

 And there are "gifts within the gift" of knowing and following Jesus:
- Grace and Peace from God. Ephesians 1:2
- New family. Ephesians 1:5a
- Forgiveness. Ephesians 1:7
- A world of goodness. Ephesians 1:9-10
- Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13

- Removal of Shame. 1 John 1:9
- Eternal Life. John 17:3
- Keys to the storehouse of relational tools. Galatians 5:22-23
- And so much more!

What aspect (from this list or something else) of the gift of Jesus are you especially grateful for this Christmas? What aspect of Life in Christ are you longing to experience (from this list or something else) in 2022?

2. Ephesians 2:8-9. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

If you have never entered into relationship with God, what's keeping you from opening/receiving God's free gift?

3. Hebrews 13:8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

What aspect of your relationship with God "never gets old"? What new way have you experienced God in this Christmas season?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

4. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **