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## How Should We Celebrate This Christmas?

Dan Jarrell, December 22, 2019  
*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.

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#### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Read: John 1:1-5, Genesis 3:8, Exodus 33:12-16, John 1:14-18, Matthew 28:18b-20**

1. What does each scripture tell us about the presence of God?

**Read: Ephesians 3:14-21, John 17:20-26,**

2. What do these scriptures tell us about the family of God?

**Read: John 14:1-3, Acts 1:6-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

3. What do these scriptures tell us about hope?

#### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

***Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

4. We asked this question last week and wanted to be sure that everyone in your group had a chance to answer...

- What gift from God do you long for this Christmas? If God were to show up right now and give you a gift, something you are longing for and waiting for, what would it be?

5. How will you respond to the Pastor’s Challenge this week as you think about “how” we should celebrate Christmas?

*In the Pastor’s Challenge this week, the following ideas were presented:*

- Turn off (or ban) all phones and computers this Christmas so that you can just “be together.”

- Consider giving one gift to your children that requires participation from others in the family.

- Choose another family to “bless” this Christmas. Call them and swing by their home with your favorite “Christmas goodie.” Pray for them, that their whole family would prosper in the year to come.

- Share communion as a family this Christmas, either before you open gifts or at the beginning of your family meal. Let the Lord’s table remind you all of what Jesus told us we can expect.

#### Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

6. 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 \*\***

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#### We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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