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## Christmas Traditions: The Tree

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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.

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

**ETERNAL LIFE: Take some time to look up and read: John 3:16, 6:40, 17:1-2; 1 John 2:25, 5:10-13**

1. How do we access “eternal life”?
2. When does “eternal life” begin?

**ABUNDANT LIFE: Take some time to look up and read: John 10:10, Psalm 1:1-3**

3. How do these verses describe “abundant life”?

**PURCHASED LIFE: Take some time to look up and read: Colossians 1:19-22, 2:13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:17-19; Isaiah 53:5-6**

4. Specifically list the results of Christ’s work on the cross.
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#### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

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

5. “Eternal life”, “abundant life”, and “purchased life” in Christ radically contrast with the recipe that culture and the world offer for gain and success at life. How can this contrast be leveraged when you share the gospel with an unbeliever? How does the gospel – “eternal life”, “abundant life”, and “purchased life” – connect to the felt needs and experiences in our culture today?
  6. How did you learn about and first experience an understanding of “eternal life”, “abundant life”, and “purchased life”? What scriptures, relationships, or experiences did God use to teach you about these things?
  7. How can the Christmas tree help us to share the gospel? Give a short gospel presentation to your group and include the Christmas tree in your sharing. Have fun... Give it a try...
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#### Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

8. 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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