



**Loves Pure Light
December 18, 2016**

**John 3:16 & 19
John 1:1-5
John 1:9-14**

Love is the Motivation Behind Christmas

1. Love Gives the Gift of Grace

**John 8:10-11
Romans 5:8**

2. Love Gives the Treasure of Truth

Ephesians 4:25

3. Love Gives the Tranquility of Time

**2 Peter 3:8-9
Ephesians 4:2**

Home/Group Study

"Love is not just tolerance. It's not just distant appreciation. It's a warm sense of, 'I am enjoying the fact that you are you.'"
N. T. Wright

1. At Christmas, maybe more than any other time of the year, we want to be with those we love. Who, from now or the past, would you like to spend Christmas with this year? What would you say or share with them?
2. Based on the story of Jesus' birth, it would appear that God wants to spend to spend Christmas with you. What do you imagine He would want to say or share with you?
3. How has God's grace been important to you this year? How have you been able to be gracious to others because of it?
4. How truthfully do you live? Is what others see on the outside, the same or different from what's really there on the inside?
5. How patiently do you deal with the pace of your growth? With the pace of the growth of others?