

“Christmas Gifts” Discussion Questions

Forgiveness: An Undeserved Gift

Instructions: A life group is like family. It is a time of growing in Jesus together, caring for each other, and living out Jesus’ mission together. It’s good to begin with prayer and the CONNECT questions to get to know one another and focus. Then read the Scriptures and discuss the questions. Make sure to conclude with an “I will” statement to apply the passage. Finish with a time of prayer together.

CONNECT Questions

1. Why is it so hard to forgive people?
2. Is there a thought or idea from Sunday’s message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
3. Share something you are thankful for or a challenge you are facing right now.
4. How did you do with your last “I Will” statement?

READ Matthew 1:18-25

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What stands out to you?
3. How would you feel in Joseph’s place?
4. Read Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6.
 - a. How are you experiencing Jesus as Immanuel in your life lately?
 - b. Which title from these verses means the most to you? Explain.
5. What do you learn about God in these passages? (his character, his ways, etc.)
6. What do you learn about people in these passages? (yourself, others)

LIVE IT OUT

1. One of the titles for Messiah is Prince of Peace (shalom). Do you have any relationships where peace is missing? Are you willing to share about that?
2. Create an “I Will...” statement” how you can live out these passages and discussion this week.
3. How is this passage calling our group to live out God’s mission to bless others?

PRAY

