

**crossroads**

**LIFE GROUPS**

Discussion Questions for November 24th / November 25th

**KICKING IT OFF:** “Did you go Black Friday shopping? What was your experience like?”

**MEMORY VERSE:** “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you personally enjoy the Christmas season? Why or why not? Why is it important for us to experience wonder during the Christmas season?
2. What is the definition of joy? What is the difference between joy and happiness?
3. Read Colossians 3:2. Why is it important to have an eternal perspective in our lives and during the Christmas season?
4. Read Luke 2:1-11. Christmas can be one of the most hectic, lonely, and stressful times of the year. What does this scripture teach us is the remedy for these things? Who should we focus on?
5. Why do some people live in a constant state of fear and worry? In Luke 2:10 what does the angel say not to be? Why did the angel say this to them? Why does the good news of Jesus remove our fear and worry?

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As you enter the Christmas season, you are going to hear and see the word "joy" over and over. This week, reflect on where your joy tank is. Are you experiencing joy during this season? If you are, what can you personally do to ensure that others around are experiencing this same joy? If you are not, what is it that is personally keeping you from experiencing joy? Pray to the Lord Jesus and ask Him to help you change your perspective on whatever it is that is keeping from experiencing God's wonderful gift of joy.

Pastor Lauren also challenged us to refocus during this holiday season by doing an advent starting Dec. 1. Go to YouVersion Bible app, click on "explore," and type "advent" to access this valuable tool to direct your heart towards Jesus and keep you fully focused on Him.