



Discussion Questions for December 8th / December 9<sup>th</sup>

**KICKING IT OFF:** Describe a Christmas present you wanted badly as a kid, but never received.

**MEMORY VERSE:** “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read John 3:16. What makes this verse so monumental to our faith? Why does it set the foundation for our Christmas season?
2. Pastor Steve taught us that Jesus came and changed our “relationship status” with God. Jesus introduced the idea of a personal relationship with God. Why was it part of God’s plan all along to have a personal relationship with His creation?
3. Read John 1:14. God giving us His son was the most extravagant gift of all! How are doing in personally sharing this gift with others?
4. Pastor Noe pointed out three things that we must keep in mind when focusing on evangelism this Christmas season: Invite, share, listen and care. Why is it important to have all three when sharing the greatest gift of Jesus?
5. Read Matthew 11:28. Jesus is still changing lives now. He wants to take our burdens and give us real peace. What does peace look like to you personally? Now read John 14:27. What is the difference between God’s peace and the way that the world sees peace?

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As we think about the wonder of Christmas, our focus should be on how much God loves us and how we should show that love to others. Take some time this week and do a heart check on how you are doing personally with God. Have you lost the wonder of Christmas? Are you feeling lonely or overwhelmed? Pray to the Lord this week and ask Him to bless you with favor and change your perspective to one of thankfulness for the love that He has personally given you. Then find a place to serve in the community or at Crossroads to show love to others during this Christmas season.