Weekend Discussion Guide

Advent: Week 3

[NO VIDEO RECAP DURING ADVENT]

Ice Breaker

Gingerbread cookies, chocolate fudge, eggnog and pies. Christmas is full of tasty treats. What is your favorite Christmas treat?

Discuss 1

Families that have regular meals together do better socially, spiritually, and mentally. Why is this? How does regular family mealtimes strengthen you and your relationship with others?

Discuss 2

Read <u>John 15:12</u>, <u>Romans 12:13</u>, and <u>Matthew 25:35-40</u>. Mark shared four types of people you can invite to your table this Christmas: the shamed, the struggling, the rejected, and the outsiders. How did Jesus show hospitality to these types of people? Share a time you found yourself in one of these categories. Who helped you? How did it make you feel? Did it draw you closer to God? If so, how?

Discuss 3

Read <u>John 1:14</u> & <u>John 1:18</u>. How did Jesus' life on earth help you see God more clearly? How can you help others see Jesus more clearly through your actions? How could inviting someone over for a meal show them Jesus?

<u>Takeway</u>

Who will you offer a seat at your table?