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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

SIMPLY CHRISTMAS Getting Christmas Right **Week 3**

ICE-BREAKER: What was your favorite Christmas gift of all time?

If you could give any gift to anyone, what would you give, to whom, and why?

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

READ: Matthew 2:1-12

Which of the four lessons on gift giving do you most need to remember this Christmas?

What motivated the wise men to bring their gifts? What is the motivation behind your gift giving? Who do you intend to buy for this Christmas?

Who are some of the people who might be neglected or forgotten this Christmas? How might you reach out to them and show them the love of Christ this week?

How might it change things for you to view your family gift exchange in the context of what Christmas is really all about?

How would it look if you were to take a few moments to remember who it was that started this whole tradition of giving gifts as an expression of love in the first place?

A gift doesn't have to be expensive to be meaningful. Can you name a meaningful gift that you have given or received, that was not expensive?

The first gift to be given at Christmas was God's one and only Son. What can you do to keep this message front and center as you celebrate Christmas this year?

What is the best way to honor the ultimate gift giver--God himself, this Christmas?

God's gift giving plan involved the sacrifice of that which was most precious to Him (See 1 Peter 1:18-19). As a group, pause to express thanks to God for this incredible gift.

Jesus gave the ultimate GIFT to meet our ultimate NEED.