

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Resist . . .

1. Pretending
2. Exploding
3. Avoiding

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5 (NIV)

Re-gift . . .

1. Love

He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even notice. He came to his own people, but they didn't want him. But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves. John 1:10-12 (Message)

2. Forgiveness
3. Grace
4. Presence

So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John 1:14 (NLT)

5. Second chances

Talk About It

1. Christmas Day has come and gone. What was it like for you?
2. In what ways do you think you need to be different to experience the Christmas season more meaningfully next year?
3. What do you need to resist pretending is not true when it is that hinders you from experiencing the Lord in your life the way you hope to?

4. How would you want to change the way you deal with your anger in the new year?
5. What darkness in your life would you like the light of God's love to help you overcome?
6. What needs to happen in your life for you to love people more deeply in the new year?
7. What's keeping you from forgiving someone who has hurt you? What will you do about that?
8. In what ways will you attempt to share your faith with others in the new year?