

Exactly What I Need

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ICEBREAKER: What is your favorite Christmas memory as a child? What was the best gift from Santa ever?

MAIN POINTS:

**The only way to see Jesus this Christmas,
Is to seek Him this Christmas.**

EXPLORATION:

1. Read John 1:1-14. How is John's Christmas story different than the stories in Matthew (Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Herod, and the Wise Men) and Luke (Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Angels, and Shepherds)??

(Context Clues- Matthew and Luke are much more historical, chronological and factual. John is far more conceptual and theological. If you did not think about it deeply, you might miss that John describes the Christmas story when he says, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us".)

2. Read John 1:14, Philippians 2:5-11 and I Timothy 2:5. Discuss the implications of the fact that at Christmas, Deity took on humanity.

(Context Clues- Discuss the implications of Jesus being 100% God and 100% man. If He was not both He could not have qualified as the representative sacrifice for our sins)

3. Read John 1:1-3, Isaiah 9:6, and I Timothy 2:5-6. Discuss the implications of the fact that at Christmas, Eternity embraced time

(Context Clues- Jesus is both the Everlasting Father and the baby in the manger. He came at the proper time and invaded time. God had never lived by minutes, hours, days, weeks, and months but He exposed Himself to the calendar and the clock!!)

APPLICATION:

1. What do you think your response should be to the theological truths that John shares in John 1?

2. How does John's unique version of the Christmas story contribute to the main idea of this series: The only way to see Him this Christmas is to seek hHim this Christmas?

3. Pray for the people of RPCC to Seek the Savior and worship Him this Christmas season. Pray for the needs of group members related to this season of the year and this study.