“A Christmas Conversion”  
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Titus 3:3-8  
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Introduction:
A. God is able to bring us to a place of _________ and ____________.
B. Jesus came into the world to bring us ____________ and _________ life.
C. Today we will use _________ classic story __ ____________ ______ as our illustration.
D. I was surprised to discover that the story has been adapted into as many as _________ films.
E. Dickens takes the ____________ analogy further by dividing the story into five “_________,” instead of chapters.

Story:
A. The story’s main character is the mean and intimidating Ebenezer ____________, who lives to make money and very little else.
   1. Scrooge parallels many biblical characters, but no one more than King ____________.
B. One Christmas Eve, Scrooge receives a terrifying “wake-up call” when the spirit of his deceased business partner, ____________, pays him a visit.
   1. Marley reminds me of the man in the Parable of the _______ and Lazarus.
   2. Marley makes it clear that this is Scrooge’s last opportunity to repent and instructs him to wait for visits from ___ more spirits.
C. The first spirit is the spirit of Christmas _______ who takes Scrooge on a trip down _______ ________.
D. The second spirit is the spirit of Christmas _________ who takes Scrooge on a tour of the _________ he now knows.
   1. In the original Dickens’ tale, the spirit reveals two hauntingly thin and deathly children called ____________ and ________.
E. The final spirit, the spirit of Christmas _________ arrives and has no ________ and does not ________.
   1. The spirit helps Scrooge see that he lived long enough to make it _________ for _________.
F. As Christmas morning dawns, Scrooge awakes and realizes that he has been given a _________ - a ______ chance.

Conclusion:
A. At the heart of A Christmas Carol lies Scrooge’s _____________.
B. He repented and changed his _______—Jesus invites us to do the ________.