

Christmas is... A GIFT

December 16, 2018

Scripture:

Matthew 1:1-12, Galatians 4:4-7, John 3:16-17

Last Week:

Chad shared how Christmas is...Hope for everyone. How did your week go last week living in the truth that God through Jesus brought hope for everyone? Did you have an easy week or were you in a week where you needed to know that hope is sure?

Introduction:

This week, we continued our series titled: Christmas is... Blair shared that in Jesus Christmas is a gift. Jesus is the gift of Christmas. John 3:16, says God so loved the world that he GAVE his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not die but have eternal life. Blair shared through the passage in Galatians about 4 gifts that are included in the gift of Jesus:

Redemption
a New Identity
the Holy Spirit
an inheritance

Icebreaker:

What is the best and worst Christmas present you ever received?

Name something about Christmas that most people like, but you hate (or really dislike).

Digging Deeper:

What stood out to you this week from the message?

Do you tend to put on a mask during this time of year? Why or why not?

The Israelites were in slavery in Egypt for 400 years without hearing a word from God. Do you think they thought they were forgotten? Have you ever felt forgotten or rejected? Who or what made you feel that way?

Read Galatians 4:4-7

What was the significance of the time of Jesus' arrival?

What was the purpose of Jesus coming in the manner He did?

What is redemption?

What did Jesus come to redeem us from? Have you personally accepted in faith what Jesus did on the cross?

Jesus came to give you a new identity: from a slave to sin to an adopted son or daughter. What does this mean to you personally?

According to the passage, you have received an inheritance through God. What are you an heir to?

Does knowing this change how you feel and think about yourself?

