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# TALK IT OVER

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## The Case For Christmas

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Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions towards the end of the document.

### Message Notes

#### The Case For Christmas

1. Did Jesus claim that he is God?
2. Did Jesus show that he is God?
  - His miracles
  - His character
  - His fulfillment of prophecy
  - His resurrection

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*"I and the Father are one."* John 10:30 (NIV)

**Question 1** What does Jesus say about himself in John 10:30? According to Lee Strobel, what does the wording of this tell us?

**Question 2** Name a miracle described by an eyewitness in the Bible that proves Jesus is God. What do you think it would have been like to witness this miracle first-hand?

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*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* John 10:10 (NIV)

**Question 3** What does John 10:10 say about what God desires to give us? Share a miracle from your own life that has brought you life and drawn you closer to Jesus.

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*"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."* 1 Peter 2:22 (NIV)

**Question 4** Many of us have been hurt by people who deceived us by projecting a false image of themselves. Knowing that God has good moral character and that he never will deceive you, how does that help you trust him today?

**Question 5** Isaiah 53 contains twelve prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus centuries before he came to earth. Read this chapter aloud. What prophetic word about Jesus in this chapter strikes you? How can realizing that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy in the New Testament build your faith in Jesus?

**Question 6** Knowing Jesus was born to die for our sins, how does his birth and resurrection give us hope for our future?

**Question 7** What more than anything else convinces you that Jesus is who he claimed and showed us to be?

## Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message!

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

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