
TALK IT OVER

Christmas is for All People

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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

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"The angel said to the Shepherds, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.'" Luke 2:10

"I have seen the Savior you have given to all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations." Luke 2:25-34

GOD DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES!

1. GOD SHINES HIS GOODNESS ON ALL PEOPLE

"God's light shines on all people." Job 25:3

"He causes his sun to shine on all people, both good and evil, and he sends rain to both those who do right and those who do wrong." Matthew 5:45

"The Lord is good to everyone." Psalm 145:9a

AT CHRISTMAS

"When the goodness of God appeared, he saved us..." Titus 3:4

Question 1 Matthew 5:45 says that God causes his sun to shine and the rain to fall on both those who do right and those who do wrong. How does this apply to those you would consider the best and worst in our society? Criminals or newborns? How does this verse apply to your life?

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2. GOD SHOWERS HIS LOVE ON ALL PEOPLE

"He showers compassion on all his creation." Psalm 145:9b

"Each day the Lord pours out his unfailing love upon me."

Psalm 42:8

LOVE PAYS ATTENTION

"God knows every way I take, is concerned about it, and pays attention to it."

Job 23:10 (Amp)

"Can a mother forget her nursing child? ... I will not forget you! I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!"

Isaiah 49:15-16

LOVE TAKES ACTION

"Today, in the City of David, a savior for you has been born. He is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

3. GOD SHARES THE PAIN OF ALL PEOPLE

"God made the hearts of all people so he understands everything they do."

Psalm 33:15

"Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses, since he faced all of the same temptations we do."

Hebrews 4:15

"When we're weak and tired ... God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayers out of our wordless sighs and our aching groans."

Romans 8:26 (Mes)

"You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book."

Psalm 56:8 (NLT)

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit."

Psalm. 34:18

Question 1 Which of these verses mean the most to you? What does it mean to you when you read that God shares your pain?

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4. GOD SACRIFICED HIS SON FOR ALL PEOPLE

"Jesus sacrificed himself for all people to free them from their sins."

1 Timothy 2:6

"John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Here comes the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"

John 1:29

"He died for everyone, so that all who live would not continue to live for themselves but would live for him who died for them."

2 Corinthians 5:15

Question 1 Why do you think Paul used the expression "free them from their sins" (1 Timothy 2:6)? How does that compare with the phrase "take away the sin" used by John the Baptist (John 1:29)?

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5. GOD WILL SHARE HIS HOME WITH ALL WHO BELIEVE AND RECEIVE HIS SON

"To all who received him and believed in his name, Jesus gave the right to become children of God."
John 1:12

"It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open."
Acts 10:35 (Mes)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the lord will be saved!"
Acts 2:21

A PRAYER THAT ALL PEOPLE CAN PRAY

Dear God, thank you for creating me and giving me every day of my life. Thank you for all of the good things you provide that I take for granted. Thank you that you've never stopped loving me. And when I'm hurting, thank for understanding and even sharing my pain. Most of all, thank you Jesus for coming to earth at Christmas to save me. I know that I cannot save myself. So thank you Jesus for dying on the Cross to save me. This Christmas, I accept you as my Savior. Save me from my tendency to do the wrong things. Save me from my past mistakes. Save me from my present stress. And save me for eternity in heaven with you. I want to be a part of your family. I want to learn and God's purpose for the rest of my life on earth. I humbly ask these things in your name. Amen.

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?*

Small Group Action Steps

1. We commit our lives to Jesus Christ. Text [NEWSTART](#) (1 word) to 83000 or email newstart@saddleback.com for free spiritual resources.
2. We express our gratitude to God for his goodness by giving back to him. Because of your faithful generosity, we have been able to provide food and supplies to over 600,000 people in Southern California during this COVID crisis. Give at saddleback.com/give.
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