

Given to REIGN/ RECONCILE/ RESTORE Sun, Dec 18 through Dec. 31, 2022 Gahanna campus

This Small Group Guide is for either the week prior or the week following Christmas (Dec 18-24 or Dec 25-31)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

• Ice Breaker: What is a favorite part of the Christmas season for you?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- Most Christmas Carols are WORSHIP SONGS! Be sure to sing these as worship and not simply as seasonal nostalgia.
- Using your favorite streaming service, sing together "What Child is This" by Marc Martel, Ron Block & "O Come Let Us Adore Him" by Danny Gokey. Lyrics on back.

WIN (15 minutes)

 Use your PRAYER BOARD to talk about & pray for people you are praying to come to know Jesus as Savior.

WORD (25 minutes)

- 1. Read aloud Isaiah 9:6-7. In reflecting on this prophecy about who Jesus is and how He will rule, how does it build your confidence in Him—even if things in this world are not currently going the way you wish?
- 2. During this Advent season, what is a way that you better express your allegiance to and hope in Christ?
- 3. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to trust Christ patiently as He uses us to expand His kingdom that will never end?
- 4. Read aloud Romans 5:10 & 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. How would you explain to a non-Christian the need of reconciliation between God & people and how it is only available through Christ?
- 5. Have different people read these verses: Psalm 14:7; 53:6; 80:3; Mark 9:12; and Acts 3:21. Jesus came to restore us. What has been restored by Jesus and what is yet to be restored? What is our role in the "in-between" of God's restoration?

WORKS (25 minutes)

• Break down into smaller units of 2 or 3s to pray with each other!

"What Child is This" by Marc Martel, Ron Block

What Child is this, who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping Whom Angels greet, with anthems sweet

While shepherds watch are keeping

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing Haste, haste to bring Him laud The Babe the Son of Mary

Raise, raise a song on high The virgin sings her lullaby Joy, joy for Christ is born The Babe the Son of Mary The Babe the Son of Mary

"O Come Let Us Adore Him" by Danny Gokey

Verse 1

O come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant O come ye O come ye To Bethlehem

Pre Chorus 1

Come and behold Him Born the King of Angels

Chorus

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation Sing all ye citizens Of heaven above

Pre Chorus 2

Glory to God Glory in the highest

Chorus

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

Bridge

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him

Chorus

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

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