

New Life Small Group Questions - Sunday, Dec 20, 2020

Secret of Immanuel #3

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1. Jay started with a number of Christmas inaccuracies. Did any of these surprise you? What?
2. Have someone read aloud 1 John 4:4, Luke 2:11, and John 3:17. Jesus took on flesh and entered our world because we needed saving! This is a hard reality to swallow for proud, self-sufficient people like us, but it is the whole basis for understanding the why behind Christmas. Even though many Christmas songs mention Jesus coming to save us or to be our Savior, why do you think most people simply bypass this as just sentiment?
3. Have someone read aloud Romans 8:20-22. So many expect things in this life to be fair and free of difficulty, but these verses tell us just the opposite! We should expect unfairness, troubles and pain right up until our final deliverance at Jesus' return. Why is it important to keep this perspective? How have you seen people led into bitterness or error because they did not understand this?
4. In just the third chapter of the Bible, sin enters into the world and breaks it! The rest of the Old Testament is God working to create a people who would deliver the perfect sacrifice that could pay the price for creation to be rescued. As a result, Christmas is the surprising plot shift in the grand story of all time! How does this lead you to focus on God and His love in deeper ways during this season?

Meeting on Zoom or in a room - Use this format:

1. Welcome everyone - Check-in! *How's everyone doing?*
2. Make plans for any ministry or fun activities you'll be doing soon as a group!
3. Discuss the Small Group Discussion Questions.
4. Share prayer requests, break into smaller groupings, and then pray for each other.

Looking for a QUICKER agenda for your Zoom meeting – Try this:

1. *Check in – share how everyone's doing – Discuss plans for any upcoming ministry or social actions as a group.*
2. *Read any key passages from Sunday's message. Then ask:*
 - a. *What for you were the main takeaways from this week's message?*
 - b. *What steps of obedience are you feeling prompted by the Holy Spirit to take?*
3. *Share prayer requests and pray for each other.*

If launching or starting a NEW online small group:

1. Pick a couple of friends.
2. Pick a platform to use - (Zoom or any number of options!)
3. Use either of the above agendas!