



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
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[setting it up]

Share about one of the most meaningful Christmas gifts you have received. What made it so special?

[digging deeper]

Would you agree or disagree with this statement: “Christmas exists because God gave humanity the most meaningful gift ever in the history of the world”? Elaborate on why you agree or disagree with this statement.

Read John 1:1-14.

- How is this actually a “Christmas verse”?
- Explain the incarnation of Christ the best you can. If you need help or want to do a little extra preparation, read these links:
 - <https://www.gotquestions.org/incarnation-of-Christ.html>
 - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/10-things-you-should-know-about-the-incarnation/>
- Why is the incarnation so meaningful and significant to us?

Read Matthew 1:21-23. What is the significance of “Immanuel”?

How have you seen Christ be “Immanuel” in your life? Where do you still long to experience Christ as “Immanuel”?

What are we told to do in Ephesians 5:1-2? How can we do this at Christmas with the unique opportunities this season brings?

Do any other passages of Scripture come to mind as you interact with this topic? If so, share one and how you see it connect to this topic.

Why has Christmas become more about “getting” than “giving” (especially for our kids), and how can we make efforts to reverse that emphasis?

How can our tradition of gift-giving at Christmas reflect in some way the incarnation, the power, and the beauty of God coming into our world as one of us and being “God with us”?

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What excites you about giving intentional, meaningful, and relational gifts at Christmas? What will be your biggest challenge in doing so? How can you endeavor to overcome that challenge?

[living it out]

What can you add to your Christmas celebration to “Give More” of yourself intentionally, relationally, and meaningfully?

What is something you can remove or change?

What will be your action step based on this study?

Starting from John 1:14, spend some time praying over the content and application from this time.