

All I Want for Christmas is...Grace



WELCOME

- ◆ Spend a few minutes greeting everyone in the group.

ICE BREAKER/INTRODUCTION QUESTIONS

- ◆ What would you put on your Christmas wish list this year? Why?
- ◆ What types of gifts are meaningful to you? Describe the most meaningful Christmas gift you have received.

DISCUSSION

1. [John 1:17-18](#) tell us that Jesus is the One described in verses [1-18](#). Glance through this passage and make a list of how Jesus is described.
2. Look again at [John 1:1-4](#). What do these verses tell you about Jesus' role before coming to earth in human form?
3. Jesus is life and light. Consider the properties of life and light. What do they provide? ([vs. 5](#))
4. Read [John 1:6-9](#). John, who wrote the book of John was one of Jesus' disciples. The John mentioned in verses 6-8 is John the Baptist, Jesus' relative and the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah (see [Luke 1:5-80](#) for more about John the Baptist). What job did God give John the Baptist? What was John's message (see [John 1:7-9](#))? Who was this message for?
5. Read [John 1:5;10-11](#). Verse 11 says that Jesus came first to the Jews—God's own chosen people who had the scriptures foretelling the coming of God's Savior. How was Jesus received by the Jews? How is He received by the world today?
6. Read [John 1:12-13](#). How is becoming a member of God's family like receiving a gift? How is grace key to becoming a child of God? (Note: "grace" is a good gift we can't earn and don't deserve.)
7. We've all heard the lyrics, "so be good for goodness sake." We're told it's the condition to receiving gifts from Santa. How does God's gift of grace differ from the condition posed in this song?
8. How does a gift become yours—part of your life? Have you personally accepted God's gift of grace or do you tend to try to earn God's gifts by being good?
9. Read [John 1:14-18](#). In light of John 1:1-4, what does verse 14 tell you about Jesus and why He came to earth in human form? Talk about Scripture passages that illustrate Jesus pouring out grace upon grace or revealing truth with those He encounters.
10. The truth is, we deserve justice, but God's gift is grace through Jesus. How have you personally experienced the grace and truth of Jesus in your life?
11. Review the list you made of how Jesus is described in John 1:1-18. How has this picture of Jesus as God, becoming a man for the purpose of extending His gracious gift of adoption into God's family impact your understanding of God's love and care for you?
12. Talk about a current situation where you are taking on shame rather than the gift of God's grace. What can you do to receive His gift today?
13. Jesus is full of grace and truth, and that is what we are called to be as well. Often, however, we are full of ourselves. What could you do this holiday season to become less full of yourself and more full of grace and truth?

PRAYER

- ◆ Ask your community group to pray that God would help you accept and extend God's grace in every situation that arises this week.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | John 1:1-18