

What Jesus Wants for Christmas

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Review

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Key Scriptures: Luke 2:13–15; Revelation 4:8; Ephesians 5:18–20

Discuss

1. Do you remember a favorite Christmas present from when you were a child? What was it?
2. Max Lucado said sometimes we inadvertently worship false gods. What could be some examples of this?
3. Read John 4:23. How would you describe true worship?
4. How is praise a cleansing element that removes anxiety from our hearts?
5. Why is it important to verbalize our praise and worship to God rather than just think it?
6. Read Hebrews 10:25. Why does God want us to worship Him with other believers?
7. How can fixing our gaze on God instead of the storms we face change the way we live?
8. How can you give Jesus your worship this Christmas?
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Worship God verbally.
- Worship God in community.
- Worship God demonstrably.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are worthy of all our praise and worship. We want to express our worship to You daily with other believers. Help us to not be self-conscious but to be God-conscious when we worship. We give You all the praise and glory forever because You are worthy! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

It is difficult to truly empower someone without the trust developed in one-on-one relationships. Failure to empower is one of the key reasons teams and groups are ineffective. Intentionally empower group members to serve in your group. Clearly communicate how they can contribute to the group and then release them to serve.

Group Dynamics Idea

This week is Gateway's Christmas musical featuring fresh music and an amazing cast of characters. This is a great opportunity to invite your group to share the humor and heartfelt moments of *The Other Wisemen: A Musical Comedy*. The show is live at our Southlake Campus, broadcast to other campuses, and streamed online. Admission is free; visit gatewaychristmas.com to learn more and reserve seats for the live show!