

The Heart of the Matter

14. In what ways has Christ delivered you? For which are you the most grateful?

15. How is Jesus to be supreme/have first place in our lives? What areas does that include?

16. What have you learned about regarding Christmas and why Jesus came to earth?

17. Who do you know who needs to receive God's gift to us? Pray for that individual(s) and look for an opportunity to talk with them about who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

Praises and Prayer Requests



Life Group Study Guide

Why Jesus Came Colossians 1:13-20 For the Week of December 20, 2020

Getting Started

1. What idea, thought or application got your attention from this past Sunday's message?
2. What does Christmas mean to many people? What does it mean to you?
3. Who was the Baby born in Bethlehem? What was the purpose of His birth?
4. Read John 1:1-5, 9-10. Who is the Word? What do we learn about Him? What is "the darkness"?

Digging Deeper

5. What role was Jesus to have on earth (Matt. 1:18-21)? What is the meaning of His name?

6. List the three ways Jesus rescues us (Col. 1:13-14)? Define redemption. How does the Person and work of Christ offer us hope in regard to our sins?

7. How did Jesus deliver you from the domain of darkness into His kingdom? What does He do with our sin once we repent of our sin?

8. What do we learn about Jesus from verses 15-17? Explain how Jesus “is the image of God” (1:15a; John 14:9-11)?

9. What does it mean that Jesus is “the firstborn of all creation” (1:15b; Psalm 89:27)? What difference does that make for us?

10. Why is it essential that Jesus is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe (1:16-17)? What comfort does this give us? Why is it not possible for Jesus to have been a created being?

11. In what areas is Jesus supreme (1:18)? What implications does it have on the church? How is He “the first-born from the dead”?

12. Why is it important that “all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell” in Christ (1:19)?

13. What is the significance of Jesus’ reconciling all things to Himself (1:20)? How does that affect us (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)?