

The (IM) Perfect Christmas

Small Group Discussion Notes

Sunday, December 3, 2016

Getting Started:

Is there such a thing as a “perfect” Christmas? What is one thing you would change about your Christmas celebration to make it more “perfect?”

Digging In/Digging Deeper:

In this study, we look at Isaiah’s prophecy of great anticipation regarding the coming Messiah.

1. Read Isaiah 9:1-7 - According to this passage, what are some of the things that are going to bring hope to Israel so that “there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress?”
2. Share a story about how God has turned distress in your life, or in the life of someone you know, into hope.
3. Read John 3:17-21 - Besides longer winter nights, what darkness do we live in today? Why do people love darkness? What about John 1:4-5 brings hope?
4. Read John 9:4-5, John 11:9, and 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 - What brings light to the world? Do you think Isaiah 9:2 is still relevant today? Why or why not?
5. Read John 8:12 - What “lights” can you think of that are used in Christmas decorations/celebrations that symbolize Christ as a “light in the darkness?”

Abide/Love/Bless:

How might the message of “light” bring hope to others around you this Christmas? How might you share this truth?