



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

During the month of December, group discussion will focus on the story and circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. We hope this time leads you to fresh awe of who Jesus is and why He came to earth.

WARM-UP QUESTION

What's your favorite Christmas movie, and why?

DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message from "Christmas at the Movies." Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read John 1:1-5.

- Throughout John 1, Jesus is referred to as the Word. When you look at these first five verses specifically, what traits or character do you see that represent who Jesus was and is? Is there a quality that stands out to you more than the others? Explain.
- The words "life" and "light" are both used in reference to Jesus. When you look at the world today, where do you see a need for life and light? What about in your own life?

Read John 1:6-9.

- *John the Baptist is described as a witness giving testimony about the true light. What do you think would have been exciting about this role? What would have been difficult?*
- *In your own life, do you find it easy to be a witness giving testimony about the true light? What holds you back from doing so?*

Read John 1:10-13.

- These verses say that Jesus made the world, but the world didn't recognize Him. He came to His people, but they rejected Him. Where do you see people not recognizing Jesus today or even outright rejecting Him?
- Are there any areas of your own life where you've shut Him out? What do you think is the cause?
- When you look at the description of what it means to be a child of God, what stands out to you or encourages you?

Read John 1:14.

- What does it mean to you personally that Jesus came and made His home among us? Is there a particular situation where this gives you a new perspective or fresh hope?

RESPOND

- As you reflect on everything you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Close your group time in prayer, lifting each other up as you go through this Christmas season. Pray that as you read the story of Jesus' birth this month, God would give you fresh hope and that He would ignite a deeper desire to walk closely with Him.

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Check in with your group to share thoughts about these throughout the week!