WHY CHRISTMAS?

A Three-Week LIFEGroup Christmas Series

SERIES INTRODUCTION

Every Christmas, we return to a familiar story: a baby in a manger, shepherds in a field, angels filling the sky, and wise men traveling from afar. We know **what** happened. Jesus came.

But Christmas raises an even more important question:

Why did He come?

The New Testament does not leave us guessing. Again and again, it tells us why the eternal Son of God entered our world. Jesus came with a mission.

Over these three weeks, our LIFEGroups will follow the same primary passages being taught in worship and consider three answers to the question, **Why Christmas?**

- **He came to save sinners.**
- **He came to destroy the devil's works.**
- **He came to make us sons and daughters.**

Then, on Christmas Eve, our church will bring those truths together with one final answer:

He came for you.

These lessons are designed to complement the Sunday sermon rather than simply repeat it. Leaders should help the group understand the biblical truth, but then give significant time for people to consider what that truth means personally.

Christmas can be filled with celebration, but it can also expose grief, loneliness, regret, strained relationships, fear, and unmet expectations. Give people room to be real with one another. The hope of Christmas is not that our circumstances suddenly become perfect. Our hope is that **God came near to rescue us, free us, and bring us into His family.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CONNECTION

WHY CHRISTMAS? FOR YOU.

These three weeks lead toward the Christmas Eve message from **Luke 2:8–14** and **John 1:14**.

Encourage your LIFEGroup to attend Christmas Eve together and consider inviting someone who does not normally attend church.

Over the past three weeks we have answered the question:

Why Christmas?

Jesus came to save sinners.

Jesus came to destroy the devil's works.

Jesus came to make us sons and daughters.

On Christmas Eve, the angel's announcement makes all three intensely personal:

“For unto **you** is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” — Luke 2:11

The gospel is not merely the announcement that a Savior exists.

It is an invitation to receive Him.

Like a Christmas gift with your name written on the tag, the gift has been purchased and offered—but it must be received.

That is where the Christmas story ultimately leads.

Jesus came to save you.

Jesus came to free you.

Jesus came to bring you home.

Why Christmas?

For you.