



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Who Needs Christmas? / Week 3

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BOTTOM LINE

Christmas is for people who need freedom.

SCRIPTURE

“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”
(Matthew 1:20-21 NIV).

For sin shall no longer be your master . . .
(Romans 6:14a NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that because He sent Jesus to the world, He can not only forgive us of our sins, He can set us free *from* our sins.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—to high school students, relationships are the most important thing. So during this Christmas break, if there’s anything you can do to invest in relationships outside of group, go for it. Even commenting on social media posts and sending texts go a long way.

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don’t feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What’s your favorite Christmas memory and why is it important to you?
2. Tonight we talked about how Christmas is the beginning of God’s plan to save us from our sin. When it comes to sin, why is it easier to see God as our source of guilt instead of our source of help?
3. What does it look like when someone sees sin as their master?
4. Today we talked about how the wages of sin is death. What’s one way you’ve seen sin kill? (*Leaders—we’re not talking about actual murder. We’re talking about friendships dying, families falling apart, etc.*)
5. Every single person on the planet sins. What’s one area where you could use God’s help getting free?
6. As a small group, how can we help each other find freedom from the sin we’re facing?

TRY THIS

Leaders—text your students sometime this week and remind them that sin is not their master. And that means, they don’t have to do what it says.