



## “The Gift”

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## TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

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### ⇒ The Gift: Frankincense – Our High Priest

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!

<sup>11</sup> They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Matthew 2:10-11** (NLT)

- Priests *made sacrifices* for the forgiveness of sins.

If we don't understand the holiness of God,  
we will always have a casual approach to sin.

Hebrews 10:10-12

Hebrews 4:14-15

- Priests *prayed* prayers on behalf of the people to God

Heb. 4:16

✓ **When you follow Jesus, you find true Life.**

- What is your favorite Christmas decoration to put up each year?
- If you had to bring three gifts to a baby shower, what would you bring?
- Read Hebrews 10:10-12. What does it mean for Jesus to be our High Priest? How does that role influence your relationship with Him?
- What is holiness? How does knowing about God's holiness influence the way you see God, yourself and sin?
- Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Do you view Jesus as a distant Savior or as someone who understands what you're going through? How does that affect your relationship with Him?
- Share about a time when someone understood what you were going through. How does it feel knowing Christ always understands your struggles and is with you in the middle of them?
- Join us for our Streaming Services on Gateway Facebook or YouTube Church at Home.

## The Gift

**December's Memory Verse:** *Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.* Romans 13:10

### Monday 12/7- Read Luke 2:1-21

**Question:** How can I be joyful during the stress of the holiday season?

**Truth:** *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. (To be joyful keep the Good News of Jesus my daily focus)*Vs. 10

**Meditate:** Luke 2:19- *But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for coming into this world, so that I can have hope and joy each day.

**Action:** Praise and glorify God for his love and grace.

**What** is Jesus asking **me** to do: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tuesday 12/8- Read Philippians 2:1-15

**Question:** What should I do- *if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,*? Vs. 1

**Truth:** *then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.* Vs. 2

**Meditate:** Philippians 2:5- *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

**Prayer:** Father God, help me continually to do good to everyone.

**Action:** *In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

**What** God is asking me to do: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wednesday 12/9- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22

**Question:** Why is being joyful and thankful so important?

**Truth:** *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Meditate:** 1 Thessalonians 5:14- *Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.*

**Prayer:** Father God, help me understand and do your will every day.

**Action:** *Stay away from every kind of evil.* 1 Thessalonians 5:22

**What** is God's will for me today: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday 12/10- Read Nehemiah 8:1-12

**Question:** What was Nehemiah's advice when the people had understood they had broken God's laws?

**Truth:** *Don't be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is your strength!"* Vs. 10

**Meditate:** Nehemiah 8:12- *So the people went away to eat and drink at a festive meal, to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great joy because they had heard God's words and understood them.*

**Prayer:** Lord, continue to teach me your Word and help me to correctly understand it.

**Action:** ... *celebrate with great joy because they had heard God's words and understood them.*

**What** God is asking ME to do \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday 12/11- Read John 15:9-14

**Question:** What is the result of obeying Jesus' commands?, *you remain in my love,* Vs. 10

**Truth:** *I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!* Vs. 11

**Meditate:** John 15:12- *This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.*

**Prayer:** Father God, loving you and loving has given me great joy.

**Action:** *This is my command: Love each other.* Vs. 17

**Who** will I share God's love with today: \_\_\_\_\_