

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

This Changes Everything | The Promise of Life

James Armstrong | John 10:10 | December 23, 2018

DISCUSSION:

1. Share a Christmas or New Year's tradition, perhaps something you did this year.
2. In John 10:10 Jesus said He came to give us abundant life. What does that mean?
3. Read John 1:1-4. How do these verses help you to understand John 10:10?
4. There is a Christmas carol entitled "The Gift Goes On." It says "The Father gave the Son, the Son gave the Spirit, the Spirit gives us life, so we can give the gift of love." What is something special you can do to demonstrate love to someone?
5. Have you broken away from a family tradition and established your own? If so, what was it and why did you start a new tradition?
6. What is one of your favorite gifts you've ever given to someone else? Why was it so memorable?

ACTIVITY

"One of my favorites involves giving each group member a piece of colored paper and a pen. Each group member writes his or her name at the top of the paper, and passes it to the right. Then each group member writes a note of appreciation or encouragement on the paper they have for the person whose name is at the top. Then members pass the papers to the right again. When you get your own paper back, the activity is finished, and group members can put away their papers to enjoy at home. I have kept my papers full of encouragement to look at from time to time.

I also like to allow some extended prayer time as the holidays can be a time of heightened stress. They can also be a time of heightened sensitivity to the needs of others. With the hustle and bustle of the season, it is a joy to meet with your small group to celebrate your relationships and what God is doing in your group."

<https://www.smallgroups.com/articles/2011/christmas-ideas-for-your-small-group.html>

THE PROMISE OF LIFE

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I. The Purpose of His Coming

- A. He is the **Fulfillment** of God's plan for the **world**. Matt 1:23; Is 9:6-7;
Lk 1:25, 30-33
- B. He is the **Giver of life**. Jn 1:1-4; 14:6
- C. He is the **Good Shepherd**.

II. The Promise of His Coming

- A. Life is not about **materialism**. Ecc 5:10; 4:8; 1:8

Life is not from **performance** or **positions**.

Life is not from **pleasure**.
- B. Life is a **forever** life. Jn 3:16, 25-27, 36; 5:39;
Jn 6:40

III. The Promise of Abundance

Jn 17:3