

SOME PRE-CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

Growth Group Leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. How would you complete the following: One of the best Christmas gifts...?
2. What got your attention, made you think or was a new idea in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT: (LUKE 2:1-20)

3. What fears are a struggle for you?
4. How do you handle fear in light of the angel saying, "Don't be afraid."?
5. Can you honestly say your "glass" is 99% full? Why or why not?
6. Are you experiencing the promise of peace in spite of the noise and chaos in your life? How?

WORK IT OUT:

7. What gift do you need to open this Christmas: a) freedom from fear, b) the joy of salvation, c) deep, unshakable peace or d) other?
8. How will that shape your life in the coming week? If you are with a growth group, discuss that with one another and pray for one another. If you are studying on your own, write it down and share it with someone.

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Christmas is just around the corner. Some of you have been traditionally pretty terrible about opening gifts early (*you know who you are*). This morning we are going to feed your unhealthy habit by offering three pre-Christmas gifts to you. In *Luke 2:1-20*, we find three gifts God gave us through the birth of Jesus. In fact, even if you don't have a gift waiting for you Christmas morning, these three will make you not care even one little bit. Merry Christmas!

1. **Freedom from fear** - (*Luke 2:10*). Of all our phobias, Jesus provides comfort from two big ones.
2. **The joy of salvation** - (*Luke 2:11*). Our glass is always 99% full!
3. **Deep, unshakable peace** - (*Luke 2:14*). Jesus doesn't promise peace and quiet — but He does promise peace, no matter how noisy or chaotic life becomes.

Open the Gifts

Here they sit for you. Will you receive them?

NEXT WEEK: The Post-Christmas Story • *Matthew 2:13-23*