

# THE GOSPEL OF CHRISTMAS

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### WEEK 1

#### CREATION

1. The song Hark the Herald Angels Sing says, “Late in time behold Him come”. What do you believe “late in time” means in this context?
2. Genesis 1 says, “Let us make man and women in our own image”. Who is the word “us” in the passage referring to?
3. What is mankind's purpose on Earth; for what did God create us?
4. How does Adam's sin in the garden relate to Christ's birth at Christmas?
5. Was Christmas (Jesus coming to the earth) part of God's plan for creation?

**Closing Scripture: Read Genesis 1:26-27**

# WEEK 2

## INCARNATION

1. What was the “first gospel message” in Genesis?
2. How would you explain the word incarnation to someone who did not understand the concept, like a child?
3. In the song Hark the Herald Angels Sing the author describes Jesus as, “veiled in flesh”. Why do you believe the author chose these words to describe the incarnation?
4. Why did God send his son “in the flesh” instead of remaining a spirit? Is Christ being human in some way essential to salvation?

**Closing Scripture: Read Micah 5:2-3**

# WEEK 3

## RESURRECTION

1. How does the word resurrection describe the character of christian life?

2. Why does Vinny say that the resurrection is “fundamentally the most important thing we can know”? Do you agree or disagree?

3. Would we celebrate Christmas if Jesus hadn't been resurrected?

4. “Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth”

Do you believe this verse of Hark the Herald Angels Sing is referencing resurrection? If so, why would the author devote 4 lines in a song about Christmas to resurrection?

5. “Everyone knows this world is broken, corrupt, and full of pain, but not everyone knows that there is a way to life, peace, and joy through ...the death and resurrection of Jesus”. How can we address this during Christmas?

**Closing Scripture: Read Romans: 5:6-11**

# WEEK 4

## REDEMPTION

1. “God and sinners reconciled”. Why do God and sinners need to be reconciled?
2. What does being an ambassador for Christ look like?
3. Why does reconciliation require a substitute? Why can't we reconcile ourselves to God without Jesus?
4. “He [God] had to find a way to eradicate sin, without destroying his people.” What was that way? Could there have been another way?

**Closing Scripture: Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.** Do you consider yourself to be “reconciled to God”?