

WHO NEEDS CHRISTMAS



PART 3: We Do

INTRODUCTION

We reduce Christmas to forgiveness. We can't live up to God's standards, so he sent Jesus to make things right. Maybe your entire experience with God has been: nobody's perfect, but God forgives. That message isn't necessarily incorrect, but it's incomplete. The message of Christmas is bigger and better than that.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one of your favorite Christmas memories? Why is it special to you?
2. Read John 10:10. Is it difficult for you to believe Jesus wants you to have life to the full? Why or why not?
3. Do you tend to view the story of Christmas as Jesus providing forgiveness for your sins or as Jesus setting you free from sin? What has shaped your view of the Christmas story?
4. Is it difficult for you to believe that sin doesn't have to be your master? Is it difficult to believe that Jesus has set you free? Why or why not?
5. Read Romans 6: 12–14. What do you think it would look like for you to “offer yourself to God”? How would your daily life be different?
6. Does sin currently master you? What can you do to remind yourself that sin is not your master because Jesus has set you free? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

We need Christmas because Jesus wants us to have life and have it to the full. He came to save us from slavery to sin. He came to rescue *us* from the power of sin in *us*. We need Christmas because we need a Savior.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23