



Who Needs Christmas: The World Did

The Christmas story didn't begin with shepherds watching over their flocks, wise men following a star, and a young couple that couldn't find a place to have their baby. It began much earlier than that, and it was more epic than anyone could have imagined.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

Each person write down a christmas themed person, place or thing and then play charades.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

"Through Christmas, we are reminded in the most remarkable way imaginable God is active."

Go around the room and share what is your favorite part of the Christmas story?

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1–3; Isaiah 49:6; Malachi 1:11; Galatians 4:4; Luke 1:26–33

Context: The Christmas begins with two folks who are pretty sure they can't have a baby. It doesn't begin in Matthew or Luke. It begins in Genesis. In Genesis, we are told that God spoke to Abraham 2,000 years before Jesus and made him an unbelievable promise that he chose to believe.

- Talk about a time when God seemed silent or distant in your life. What happened? What did that experience do for your faith?
- Read Genesis 12:1–3. What were the promises God made to Abraham? How were these fulfilled by the Christmas Story?
- Read Isaiah 49:6. What is God communicating to the nation of Israel through Isaiah? What does this teach us about the character of God?
- Read Luke 1:26-33. How had this fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham and to Israel changed your life today?
- What would it look like to believe the truth that God is at work even when in our perception of the circumstance, He may seem silent?
- If God's love is actively demonstrated through the local church, how can you as a part of Red Rock Church demonstrate the love of God to those you know?
- What can you do this season to focus on the meaning of the Christmas story to our culture and in your life? How can this group help you?

MOVING FORWARD

The Christmas story didn't begin with Joseph and Mary in a manger. It began with God making an unbelievable, incoherent, and impossible promise to a man named Abraham. That promise carried through the entire history of ancient Israel and beyond.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: Malachi 1:11

Journaling: Write about how God was active in your life during those times when he seemed silent

Prayer: Ask God to give you a heart for those who need Gods love.

Accountability: Shar with the group who you are going to invite to Christmas Eve service and ask them to encourage you and keep you accountable to invite them.