

Just Christmas – Lights Shining in the Darkness

Weekend Discussion Questions

December 12-13, 2009

Community:

1. When you think of Christmas, what is the first thing you picture?
2. Have you ever had a nativity set? What type of feelings does it illicit in you?

Core: Read John 1:1-5,14 Revelation 12:1-4, James 1:22-27 and 2:14-19, 2 Corinthians 8:9

1. In what ways do you think the Christmas story has been over-sentimentalized?
2. What parts of the Christmas story do we tend to ignore? Why?
3. Why do you think John chose not to describe the nativity in a traditional way?
4. Why do you think John describes Jesus as a “light shining in the darkness”?
5. Scott quoted Gary Haugen when he said “There are two things that are always the will of God and almost always dangerous: telling the truth and loving needy people.” In what ways have you seen this play out?
6. How have you seen Grace and Truth exemplified in Jesus?
7. In examining your life do your deeds line up with your words? What are the idols in your own life? What do you have a tendency to attach “god-status” to?
8. Scott said, “There are two things that will always demonstrate whether what you say you care about is really what you care about or will prove you to be a liar. Your watch and your wallet. Your time and your money”. If this is true, then what does that mean about your life?
9. Scott said safety is one of the major idols in many of our lives? Do you agree or disagree?
10. Scott said, “When good things become ultimate things, ultimately good things become destructive things.” What “good things” in your life are dangerously close to becoming “ultimate things”? Or are they ultimate? What else is being sacrificed to those things?
11. What steps do you need to take to shine light in the darkness of your community and around the world? What ideas do you have and when will you do them? Read James 1:22-27 again.
12. What did you leave this weekend convinced you need to do?

Challenge:

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