

# Bring Them Jesus

December 19 & 20, 2009

## 1. Christmas reminds us of what God did.

•He sent Jesus to people in need. *It was costly, but love motivates sacrifice.*

## 2. Christmas reminds us of how God works. He \_\_\_\_\_!

•He used Mary to bring Jesus to people in need. *It was costly, but love motivates sacrifice.*

### Story Time

“If You’re Missing Baby Jesus”

by Jean Gietzen

•He used the family in the story to bring Jesus to people in need. *It was costly, but love motivates sacrifice.*

•He can use us to bring Jesus to people in need. *It is costly, but love motivates sacrifice.*

## 3. Christmas reminds us of what we can do.

•We show love when we meet financial and physical needs. *Do you know of anyone who is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?*

•We show love when we meet social and emotional needs. *Do you know of anyone who is \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?*

•We show love when we meet spiritual needs. *Do you know of anyone who is \_\_\_\_\_?*

## 4. Christmas reminds us of our deepest needs.

•Do you need to bring Jesus to someone? *It is costly, but love motivates sacrifice.*

•Do you need someone to bring Jesus to you and bring you to Jesus? *It is costly, but love motivates sacrifice.*

## Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. Picture yourself looking back on the life and ministry of Jesus from the vantage point the disciples had during those first years when Christianity began to spread from Jerusalem throughout the Roman Empire. What do you think you would recall with the most vivid of memories? What would stand out?

2. Read the opening verses of John’s Gospel. How is Jesus described? What does this passage teach about Christmas?

3. What do the Scriptures reveal about why God chose Mary to give birth to his Son? See Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7.

4. Was the story Larry read just cute, or is there more to it than that? Does it motivate you? How?

5. Today Larry emphasized that bringing Jesus to those in need is costly, but love motivates sacrifice. What costs and benefits come to your mind as you consider any kind of giving at Christmastime?

6. To study the way love sacrifices, look at Eph. 5:1,2; Phil. 2:3-5; Rom. 12:10; Matt. 23:11,12; Luke 22:26. Will you humble yourself and bring Jesus to someone this year?

7. Read John 20:21. Is this charge frightening? See also John 17:18; Matt. 4:19; 10:16; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8. Are you willing to do God’s work? What will be first?

8. Jesus said he came “to seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10). What can you do in order to participate in this mission?

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