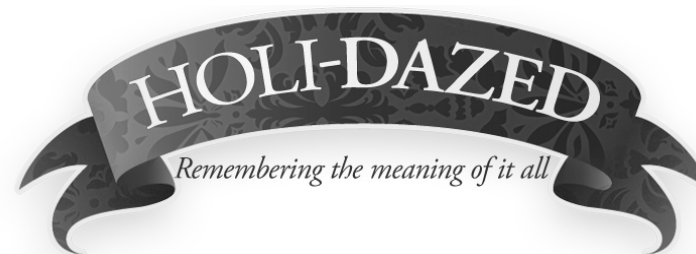


STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

November 27 & 28 2010



- ❖ What is your favorite part of Christmas? What makes that so special to you? Do you recall a Christmas that is more memorable than others? If so, why? What do you foresee this Christmas season looking like? What are your plans, hopes, and expectations?

- ❖ How have you experienced Jesus as “Immanuel” (God with Us) in your life? What difference has it made for you? Why do you think?

- ❖ How important to you is unity of other believers? With whom do you share this unity? How do you experience more unity?

- ❖ If Jesus took your spiritual temperature today, what would he find? Why? How will you deepen your relationship with Jesus during this Christmas season?

- ❖ Have you experienced the forgiveness of Jesus in your life? Why or why not? Reread John 3:17 in your notes. What does that mean for you?

- ❖ What do you treasure the most about Jesus?

“Distracted By Decorations”

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) “And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’”

1. A time to remember _____ !

Matthew 1:20,23 (ESV) “...Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit...Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel which means, God with us.”

✓ God’s _____.

John 14:23 (CEV) “Jesus replied: ‘If anyone loves me, they will obey me. Then my father will love them, and we will come to them and live in them.’”

✓ God’s _____.

John 17:18, 20-23 (NIV) “I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one...may they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Bible Versions Used:

NIV-New International; ESV- English Standard; CEV-Contemporary English; NKJV-New Kings James; Msg- The Message

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Additional Notes:

2. A time to renew _____ .

Luke 2:10 (ESV) "And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'"

3. A time to refresh _____ .

Luke 2:13-14 (NKJV) "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men'".

☞ What's going to be the _____
of _____ ?

Revelation 3:15 (MSG) "I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You're not cold, you're not hot, far better to be either cold or hot!"

☞ What's going to be the _____
for _____ ?

Psalms 119:105 (MSG) "By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path."

☞ What's going to be the _____
of _____ ?

Colossians 1:16 (ESV) "...all things were created through him and for him. "

4. A time to receive _____ .

Matthew 1:20-21 (ESV) "...Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying...'She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'"

John 3:17 (ESV) "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."