

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- What's one of your favorite Christmas carols? What is it about this carol that is so special to you?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Luke 2:1-21.

This passage describes the birth of Christ.

- What types of emotions or thoughts do you have when you read about Christ's birth in Luke 2?
- What do you find most inspiring about the way Christ's birth is described in Luke 2?

Read Lamentations 3:20-26.

This passage describes what a new day with Christ brings.

- In what ways have you seen Christ give you exactly what you need?
- What needs do you currently have that you are relying on Christ to provide?
- Where in your life do you feel tired and weary? What has caused your weariness?
- What steps do you need to take to let go of your fears and hold onto the hope you have in Christ?
- How is the hope you have in Christ like no other?
- How was your coming to know Christ as your Savior like the dawning of a new day?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you focus on the fact that Christ is your hope and the hope of the world.

Consider reading *Carols: A Christmas Devotional* reading plan on YouVersion at <http://www.youversion.com/reading-plans/carols-devotional>. This 25-day reading plan features devotionals based upon the truth found in Christmas Carols both old and new. You can also download a PDF version of the devotional at <http://resources.lifechurch.tv/items/431/carols-25-day-devotional>.

Celebrate the birth of Christ during the Christmas season by downloading the *Carols* collection at <http://www.lifechurch.tv/carols>. This collection of 12 songs features a mix of both classic carols and brand new Christmas songs. Use these songs as an opportunity to minister to others about the true meaning of Christmas by sharing them with your family and friends.

5-Day Micro Devotional:

- Thank God for that holy night when He sent His one and only son Jesus to be with us.
- Share with God your current needs. Ask Him to help you in meeting those needs.
- Ask God to renew those areas of your life where you feel tired and weary.
- Thank God for continually giving you exactly what you need. Take time to praise Him.
- Pray for those you know who are still trapped in darkness and don't know Christ. Ask God to help them see the light of a new day during this Christmas season.