

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 family's favorite Christmas traditions?

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Matthew 11:28, Matthew 9:12-13, and 2 Corinthians 5:17.

These verses tell us that Jesus calls the weary, the burdened, and the sinners so that they can become new creations.

- In what ways has the busyness of the Christmas season made you feel weary and burdened?
- Where do you need Christ's comfort and restoration the most in your life?

Read Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 2:10-11, and Isaiah 9:6-7.

In these passages we learn that Jesus helps us become more faithful, more joyful, and more triumphant.

- Describe a time when you experienced a lack of faith. How did Christ help restore your faith?
- What types of circumstances most often cause you to question your faith?
- What's robbing you of your joy? What steps do you need to take to regain your joy through Christ?
- How would you describe the difference between happiness and joy in your life?
- Where do you need Jesus' help to become triumphant in overcoming an obstacle you are facing?
- What steps can you take to place more of your focus on Christ during this Christmas season?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week that will help you become more faithful, joyful, and triumphant during this Christmas season.

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:

- Tell God where in life you feel weary and burdened. Ask for His comfort and restoration.
- Ask God to continue strengthening your faith in Him. Share with Him the ways you may be struggling in your faith.
- Tell God what's robbing you of your joy. Ask Him to help you regain your joy.
- Thank God for continually making you more faithful, more joyful, and more triumphant.
- Ask God to help you become triumphant in all areas of your life.