



Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

What is your favorite Christmas song (or one of them) and why?

Talk About it!

QUESTION 1

John 1:9 New Living Translation

9 The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

Discuss:

How has the light of Jesus coming into the world change your life?

QUESTION 2

Isaiah 7:14 New Living Translation

14 All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Discuss:

How have you experienced goodness or blessing because of the reality of 'Immanuel'?

QUESTION 3

Jeremiah 51:15 New Living Translation

15 The Lord made the earth by his power, and he preserves it by his wisdom. With his own understanding he stretched out the heavens.

1 Corinthians 1:30 New Living Translation

30 God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

Discuss:

Talk about one area that has been transformed in your life because of Jesus.

What is one area that you still want to become more like Jesus in?



QUESTION 4

Luke 1:77-79 New Living Translation

77 You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins.

78 Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,

79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace."

Isaiah 9:2 New Living Translation

2 The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.

For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

Numbers 24:17 New Living Translation

17 I see him, but not here and now. I perceive him, but far in the distant future.

A star will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel.

It will crush the heads of Moab's people, cracking the skulls of the people of Sheth.

Discuss:

How does Jesus' identity as 'the Dayspring' encourage you - and what kinds of shadows are you wrestling with that need a blast of His light?

QUESTION 5

Haggai 2:7 New Living Translation

7 I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. I will fill this place with glory, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

John 16:31-33 New Living Translation

31 Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe? 32 But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. 33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

Discuss:

What does it mean that Jesus is the Desire of Nations? How could this aspect of who He is actually affect change in our world?