

Who Are You?

Son of the Highest/ Dec 24, 2017

This Sunday, it was campus pastors giving the message. Pastor Marcus gave the message at Pt Loma.

Ice Breaker:

Have everyone share: What was the best Christmas present you ever received?

Leader note: You can specify as a kid or as an adult or both.

Encouragement:

Pastor Marcus shared that Christmas can be like an amplifier. If things are going OK or well, Christmas can be an even better experience. If one is going thru pain or loss, Christmas can be especially hard to endure.

Do you agree that Christmas can be an 'amplifier'? Why or why not?

Share about what makes Christmas a wonderful experience for you.

For those experiencing pain/loss or hurt, what would help change the mood or outlook?

Leader Note: Jesus taught a message of serving others at the Last Supper by the washing of the feet. Note if there are any responses about changing the mood or improving it by serving others.

Scripture:

READ Matthew 10:32-33

When we are out and about this time of year, we are often greeted with "Seasons Greetings" or "Happy Holidays". If we respond back with "Merry Christmas", is that a form of acknowledging Jesus before man?

If we respond back with "You too" or "Seasons greetings" is it a form of denying Jesus before man?

What has been your experience in this/these situation(s)?

See if you can answer this question before looking at your Bible:

Which of the 4 Gospels contains a description of the birth of Jesus?

(Consider being in groups of 2 or three)

READ Luke 2:8-20. What 3 specific things did the angel say to the shepherds to look for so they knew when found the Savior? What verse describes what the shepherds found? What exactly is a 'manger'?

When we have a problem, or crisis or trial, we pray to God for deliverance. Share about a time when you praised God like the shepherds after seeing baby Jesus.

Next Steps:

Jesus came to change the world. What change is the Holy Spirit leading or telling or tugging on you to do that would draw you closer to Him?

In John 10:10, Jesus said "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly."

What does an abundant life look like to you?

Quote from Pastor Darren: Jesus does not wear out or need an upgrade. He is eternally fulfilling.

Notes:
