

Small Group Questions

December 8, 2019

Love Gives

Message: "Kingdoms in Conflict"

This series that takes us from the Thanksgiving season through Christmas Eve will carry the name of our effort to annually bless our community: Love Gives. The start of the series will look at the motivation behind our giving and then, in December, we transition into Christmas messages based on texts centered around Jesus' coming. Each week, the "big idea" of the message will state "love gives because..." and give one aspect of why we do what we do during this time of year. There are many reasons God calls us to be givers. Primary to that is the heart of God expressed in Jesus' words in John 3, "God so loved the world that he gave..." As followers of the God of the Bible, we give because God gave to us.

Thank you once again for your service to God by loving the people in your group!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What is your favorite Christmas movie or story? Why do you like that one the most?
2. Who are the wise men or women in your life that you look to for advice?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Matthew 2:1-12.

3. Based on :1-2, what can you know about the back story that led the wise men to Jerusalem?
4. Since the Magi (wise men) were pagan astrologers, why would they leave everything in order to follow that star?
5. In light of the prophecy in :6, why was King Herod so concerned that the baby be found?
6. What do the star, the wise men, the gifts, the worship, the hostility and the prophecy teach about the nature and significance of Jesus?
7. In your "journey" toward God, how are you like the wise men? Unlike them Have you had to leave anything to follow Jesus?
8. What are the most precious gifts you can honor God with?