

Sermon Discussion Guide - December 8, 2024 Christmas: It's Worth the Celebration

This week, we began our Christmas series. Use the following points from the sermon for discussion for your group.

1. Read John 1:11-13

- What are some Christmas traditions that you have?
- What are some things that you celebrate (invest time, invest resources, brings you joy) at Christmas?
- 2. The biggest celebration we have at Christmas is the baby Jesus born in the manger.
 - What is it about Jesus being born that causes such a celebration? What about His birth is relevant to your life?
- 3. The celebration focus for this week is that Jesus was born to defeat the ultimate enemy: death.
 - What are the implications of Jesus being born not just to "teach us good things" but to secure victory over death?
- 4. Experiencing a death, or having a fear of death, can lead to despair. Christmas reminds us that loss is temporary, and when a Christian passes, we know exactly where to find them: in the presence of Jesus.
 - Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57. What stands out to you in this passage? What hope does this passage tell us? Why is this important to you today?
 - Are there any losses in your life that you are struggling with this Christmas season?
- 5. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today's discussion?