

Christmas – Week 5 – Pastor Guy

1. What's your favorite thing about Christmas?
2. What's your favorite mystery?
3. What do you find mysterious about God?
4. What do you find mysterious about the Christmas story?

Matthew 1:23 - "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

5. How does Jesus help us understand the mystery of God?
6. What have you learned about God through your relationship with Jesus?
7. What questions do you still have about God in spite of knowing Jesus?
8. Jesus came to reconcile us to God? Why do we need reconciled to God?
9. Why do you think that God chose to send His Son as a baby to grow up to save us?

Isaiah 59:1-2a - Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. ² It's your sins that have cut you off from God.

10. How do our sins separate us from God before we are a Christian?
11. How do our sins separate us from God after we are a Christian?

John 3:16-18 - ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

12. What are your thoughts about being 'condemned already' before we receive Jesus' forgiveness?
13. How does Christmas bring hope?
14. What helps you to connect with Christ during Christmas?

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

15. What are your thoughts about the truth that everyone is condemned until they believe in Jesus (John 3:18), and yet God's desire is that non one would perish (2 Peter 3:9)?
16. How aligned is your heart for others with God's heart for others?
17. How can you bring hope to others at Christmastime?
18. What would look different in your life in the year to come if you were to embrace God's will that no one would perish?