

Imagine – What Do YOU Want For Christmas?

Weekend Discussion Questions

December 21-22, 2013

Community:

1. What's your favorite part about this time of the year?
2. What's your *least* favorite part about this time of the year?
3. How do you want things to look different in 2014 than they were this year?

Core:

1. So this is the final week where we looked at what Jesus said about prayer. If you had to sum it up, how would you sum up what Jesus says about how to pray in a couple sentences? How about one sentence? How would you sum it up in just one word?
2. Jim talked about the reasons that we typically pray—what were a couple of them?
3. How are those reasons we normally pray and things we normally pray for different than how Jesus teaches us to pray?
4. So when Jesus was talking about praying to God, He gives us comparisons...He says, "It's kinda like this..." and compares it to something familiar. Read Luke 11:11-12. What do you think Jesus was saying about God with this comparison?
5. Jesus answers that question in verse 13. Read that verse. What does it mean that God will give "the Holy Spirit" to the people who ask Him?
6. When you hear someone like Jim say that God is like a good father, and He knows what's best for us and gives us what we need—what is your knee-jerk reaction?
7. Sometimes we don't really know what to pray for...and it's actually good that God didn't give us what we prayed for! Read Romans 8:26-27. How do you think the Holy Spirit "intercedes" for us?
8. Read Luke 11:9-10. If Jesus's whole teaching on prayer is not to *tell* God what we need but instead to *ask* God what He wants for us, how do these verses tie into that?

Challenge:

1. What's an example of a time in your life when you thought you knew what was best, but days/months/years later you saw what God had planned, and it was infinitely better?
2. What's one thing that you currently think that you know what's best and that God's doing His job wrong by not giving it to you?
3. Would you be willing to say, "God, I trust that You see what I can't see and You know what I can't know—I'll trust that You'll do what's best with this situation"? If so, what's the next step you should take?



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