



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS **Living it OUT**
(Discuss these questions in your LifeGroup and/or with your family and friends.)

- ① Consider the following statement: "Christmas is about Jesus, but Christmas is actually for us." Lee made that statement during the Christmas Eve message. How do you feel about that statement?
- ② Read Philippians 2:7. In our celebrity-driven society, most of us like to see a show-stopping entrance. However, God came into the world in the human form by being born into it. Why did God come to earth as a baby? What difference does that make to us?
- ③ Do you believe that Jesus can relate to your struggles? As a human, Jesus endured the same difficulties we may face. How can you know that you can trust Christ to be there in tough times?
- ④ One of the reasons Jesus came is because he wanted to show us what God was like. He also wanted to show us what life should be like and how we can really live. What is the difference between living a "religious life" and the "full life" Jesus wants for us?
- ⑤ Read 1 John 4:9-10. Here is a simple, yet important question: "How can you know that God loves you?" Think about the Christmas Eve message and recall how you can be assured of God's love for you?
- ⑥ Read Romans 5:10-11. Christmas is God's gift to us, but an unused gift is a worthless gift. Share how you came to the point when you realized that you wanted to have a personal relationship with Jesus. If you haven't reached that point yet, discuss any reservations or questions you might have.
- ⑦ Read Philippians 2:9-11. When we say, "Jesus is Lord," it means that we trust that God is control of our lives and that He love us regardless of our circumstances or shortcomings. Describe the circumstances in your life where you need to proclaim that "Jesus is Lord."

THE RELEVANCE: _____

"Jesus Christ is the **exact likeness of the unseen God**. He existed before God made anything at all, and in fact, **Christ Himself is the Creator** who made everything..." **COLOSSIANS 1:15-16 (LB)**

"He became like men and **was born a human being**." **PHILIPPIANS 2:7 (AMP)**

THE REASON: _____

"He became a man so that He could **take away our sins...**" **1 JOHN 3:5 (LB)**

Why did He do it?

"God **showed how much He loved us** by sending His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is **real love...** that God sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." **1 JOHN 4:9-10 (NLT)**

For a child is born to **us**, a son is given to **us...** **ISAIAH 9:6 (NLT)**

THE RESULT: _____

"We were **restored to friendship with God** by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, and we will be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. So now we can rejoice in our **wonderful new relationship with God** – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us..."

ROMANS 5:10-11 (NLT)

"For this reason God gave Jesus the name that is greater than any other name... (One day) all beings in heaven, and on earth, and in the world below will fall on their knees, and **all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God." **PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11 (GN)**

FEATURED SONGS:

TSO Mash Up

PB - Sarajevo by TSO

S.TOL - Canon by TSO

W.TOL - Canon by TSO

WH - TSO Medley

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

(Memorize this verse for the month of December.)

LUKE 2:10-11 (New Living Translation)

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

*Sermon Outline by Rick Warren, Saddleback Church
 "What's So Special About Christmas?"

