



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 12/24/2017
DISCUSSION DATE: 12/31/2017
TEXT: TITUS 3:3-7

Titus 3:4 But when **the kindness and the love of God** our Savior **toward** man appeared,

I. CHRISTMAS IS A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS AND LOVING KINDNESS TO ALL MEN.

A. Why is God's Gift of Jesus a demonstration of His goodness and loving Kindness to us?

we ourselves also were also once:

foolish

disobedient, deceived (led astray), serving (enslaved to) various lusts and pleasures

living in malice and envy

hateful and hating one another

B. How is God's gift of Jesus received by fallen sinners?

not by works of righteousness which we have done

according to His mercy He saved us

C. *What happens when fallen sinners receive God's gift of Jesus?*

ASKING GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD TO OUR DAILY LIVES:



What cultural and family traditions concerning Christmas do you most enjoy and anticipate? What can cause Christmas to be a very dark or discouraging time for people?

Read Luke 2:10-11. What is the good news that is capable of bringing all people great joy? What keeps the good news from bringing people great joy?

Read Titus 3:3. Who is being described in this passage? How does this apply to you and I? What must we understand about ourselves?

In what sense are people foolish/ignorant that have not received God's gift of Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Timothy 4:1-2. How does this text help us understand Titus 3:3?

Read Matthew 1:20-23. Why does God appear to Joseph? What does God want us to know? How should this knowledge impact our celebration of Christmas?

Read Titus 3:4-5. What can fallen sinners do to rescue themselves from sin? Why are there so many people blinded by works based religions – who believe their good will outweigh their bad or that their salvation rests in something they have done?

Read 1 Peter 1:3. Who is the source of new life (regeneration)? What kind of hope does God give to His redeemed children?

What needs to be washed from our lives by God's regenerating power?

What is God renewing by the presence of the Holy Spirit in us?

Why do we need to know that the Spirit has been "poured out on us abundantly?" What will the lives of God's washed and renewed people display to others?

Why is it important for us to know that we have been justified by HIS GRACE? How does that truth impact our daily fight against sin?

Read John 5:24; 11:25; 1 John 5:11, 13. What does God want His children to know with assurance? What impact does this knowledge have on the lives of God's children?