



Notes | December 03, 2023

How to Have a Christmas Perspective

Everybody has a different perspective on life. Typically, we filter the world through one of 2 lenses, with the eyes of Christ or through current events. If your perspective about everything in the world is through the lens of Jesus it shapes your lens with hope. If your perspective about everything is through the lens of current events, it will affect how you see the hope of the Christmas story.

Key Scripture | Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Related Scriptures

Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7, Isaiah 9, Matthew 1:1-2, 17-18, Genesis 15, 16:12, Galatians 1:8-9, Matthew 24:3-14, 36, 2 Peter 3:8-9

Icebreakers:

Q: What are your Christmas traditions? What do you most enjoy about them?



Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. The Bible gives us a complete narrative that makes sense of what we are seeing play out in our world today.

Q: How has current circumstances in the world around you impacted you?

Q: Scriptures recalls wars and adversity. How can we learn how to respond to our world based on Scripture?

Q: Ephesians 6:12 says our enemies are not other people but spiritual forces. How can this shape how you pray about the conflict in the world?

II. Live holy, knowing you will face Jesus; live hungry for lost people, knowing they will face Jesus.

Q: Jesus came into the world in a way many didn't expect, so people didn't see him as the Messiah. What has changed in your perspective of Jesus as you've learned more about him?

Q: When has Jesus shown up in your life in an unexpected way that changed you (or your circumstances) for the better?

Q: In what ways are you currently living holy and hungry? What can you change to live holy and hungry?

III. Live hopeful knowing Jesus faced death to make a way for us to be saved!

Q: What are you hopeful for today? How are you praying for it?

Q: What's something Jesus has given you hope for that was previously hopeless?

Q: Who are people in your life that you can share the hope of Jesus with?

Get Practical

We have hope because God has a plan, and there is more happening than we can see! Pray this week asking God:

- People in the world who are in conflict would come to know Jesus.
- How can I be more holy and hungry for people to know Jesus?