



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Why Christmas is Worth Celebrating*

Text: Various Scriptures

Service Date: December 7, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What's one Christmas tradition that helps get you in the spirit each year?
- The sermon mentioned unique traditions such as Elfapalooza, the Tumbleweed Tree, and the Festival of Bonfires. What's the most unique Christmas tradition you've heard about?
- Does Christmas feel more like a celebration or a burden in your home? Why?

Sermon Discussion

- Christmas traditions can enrich or distract from the meaning of the season. Which traditions help you remember Jesus, and which tend to pull your focus away from Him?
- How, if at all, has your view of the Christmas story (and Emmanuel- "God with Us") changed over time?
- Paul said in the sermon that he loves making Christmas a whole season. How do you (or how could you) make the whole Christmas season spiritually meaningful?
- The sermon highlighted the miracle of God becoming like us. Why is Jesus' humility in becoming human worth celebrating (Philippians 2)?
- In what ways does Christ's humanity deepen your relationship with Him?
- Take a moment to read Hebrews 2:17–18. This passage teaches us that Jesus understands our pain and struggles. How does that truth change how you approach Him with your problems or emotions?
- Jesus experienced grief, stress, joy, and compassion. Which part of Jesus' human experience do you most relate to right now?
- Jesus promised to be with us "to the end of the age." Do you acknowledge Christ's ongoing presence in your daily life? What helps—or what makes it difficult?

- Read Psalm 46:1–3. How does this encourage you in the ups and downs of life as you consider God being “with us”?
 - We all need people to “be with us” the way Jesus is. Who has been present for you during a difficult season, and how did that reflect God’s presence? Is there someone right now you are sensing just needs to be blessed and encouraged (in a discrete way) this Christmas season?
 - The sermon emphasized that God is not against us—He is for us. Do you believe God is truly for *you* personally? What makes that easy or difficult?
 - How does the Christmas story—God sending His Son—show clearly that God is for us?
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This Week’s Action Response

- With the busyness of the season, it’s easy to lose our joy. What can you do this week to help yourself (and others) celebrate Jesus rather than feel overwhelmed? Share a verse or encouragement.
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Resources/Books from the Sermon

- *The Purpose of Christmas* by Rick Warren
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Christmas Service Invite

- Who will you invite to attend a Christmas service with you? There will be six service time options. Visit tri-village.org/Christmas to see the time options.