



EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF CHRIST

Opening Prayer

Jesus, through this season of Advent, we have watched and waited. Tonight we celebrate Your birth and worship You, the giver of all good gifts. Please fill us with Your hope, love, joy, and peace this night as we both celebrate Your coming and continue to wait for You to come again.

Scripture Focus

- John 1:14 – The Word became flesh and dwelt among us
- Isaiah 9:6 – The child who would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace
- John 16:33 – Take heart, I have overcome the world

Encourage participants to read each passage aloud together or take turns.

Main Point 1: The Gift of Hope

Read: Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 6:19

The story of Christmas begins with hope—hope promised, hope fulfilled, and hope yet to come. God’s people waited generations for the promised Messiah. Even in the silence, His plan was unfolding. Through Jesus’s birth, life, and resurrection, we are anchored in unshakable hope that endures every storm. Even though storms are inevitable, Jesus Christ teaches us to hope in Him. He is the Hope of Glory (Col. 1:27)

Discussion Questions

1. How does reflecting on fulfilled prophecies strengthen your faith today?
2. What does it mean for hope to be an 'anchor for the soul'?
3. How can you cultivate hope while waiting for God’s promises in your life?

Reflective Prompt

Take a moment to thank God for a time He proved faithful when you were waiting.

Main Point 2: The Gift of Love

Read: John 3:16; 1 John 4:9–11

God's love was fully revealed through the birth of Jesus. His arrival was not just a story—it was a rescue mission. Christmas reminds us that divine love came down to meet us where we are - the 'hood', the outskirts, the penthouses, and the pits - to meet humanity in our fallen state, offering forgiveness, healing, and eternal life. As we receive His love, we are called to share that love freely with others near and far, just as He shared it with us.

Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding God's love change how you see yourself and others?
2. What does it look like to live from a place of being deeply loved by God?
3. Who is one person you can show Christlike love to this week?

Reflective Prompt

Reflect on how God's love has personally transformed your heart this year.

Main Point 3: The Gift of Joy

Read: Luke 2:10–11; Psalm 96:11–13; James 1:2–3

The good news of Jesus's birth is described as 'great joy for all people.' This joy is not dependent on circumstances—it flows from His presence, through our hearts, ultimately into the hands, feet, vehicles, ministries, and blessings toward others. Even in hardship, we can rejoice because we know that God is working for our good and His glory. Choosing gratitude and worship opens our hearts to experience the joy Christ offers.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between happiness and joy?
2. How can gratitude help you rediscover joy during challenging times?
3. What are some ways you can share joy with others this Christmas?

Reflective Prompt

Write a short prayer of gratitude for the joy you have in Christ.

Main Point 4: The Gift of Peace

Read: Philippians 4:6–7; John 16:33

The world was not at peace the night Jesus was born—but He entered the chaos to bring lasting peace. True peace is not the absence of conflict; it's the presence of Christ within us, calming our fears and guiding our steps. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, offers reconciliation with God, peace within our hearts, and the promise of peace to come. When we know God, we know peace; when we trust Christ, we find rest for our souls. This Christmas and beyond, decide to live in such a way as to share the gift of peace with others you may encounter as you go about each day's journey.

Discussion Questions

1. What areas of your life need Christ's peace this season?
2. How can prayer and thanksgiving help you experience peace in uncertainty?
3. What does it mean that Jesus has 'overcome the world'?

Reflective Prompt

Spend time in quiet prayer, asking God to fill you with His peace.

Main Point 5: The Gift of Jesus

Read: John 1:14; John 10:10; John 14:6

All the gifts of Advent—hope, love, joy, and peace—find their fulfillment in Jesus Himself. He is the Word made flesh, the Light in the darkness, and the Savior who came to dwell among us. As we celebrate His birth, we remember that Christmas is not the end of the story but the beginning of a lifelong journey of worship and discipleship. He is Emmanuel; He is God with us!

Discussion Questions

1. Which of the Advent gifts has most impacted you this year?
2. How can you continue to live out the meaning of Christmas beyond this season?
3. What does it mean for you personally that 'the Word became flesh' (John 1:14)?

Reflective Prompt

Write one way you can live out the gift of Jesus in your everyday life.

Closing Thought

Jesus Christ is the true gift of Christmas—the embodiment of hope, love, joy, and peace. As we celebrate His birth, may we carry His light into our homes, our communities, and our hearts, living each day as a reflection of His grace and glory.

Closing Benediction

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14