

Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week Of November 26, 2023

Sermon Series: Blood and Tears

Announcements:

Sharing Christmas

Our Sharing Christmas ministry helps families who have fallen on hard times by providing Christmas gifts for the children in those families. It is an amazing opportunity for our church to minister to our community during the holiday season!

How can I help?

Purchase Gifts

You can buy gifts and deliver them to your c|Life campus in person, or you can use our Amazon Wish List and have your gifts delivered directly to c|Life!

<https://clifec.com/sharing-christmas/>

Icebreaker:

1. The holiday season is here! What's your favorite Christmas memory?

Quick Review:

The sermon this week focused on the incarnation and the reality of God in flesh.

Make It Personal:

1. The holidays are hard for a lot of people. What is it that creates the most stress for you during this season?

2. Jesus is referred to as "Immanuel" in the Isaiah prophecy which means "God with us". What does that mean to you personally? How have you experienced that?

Go Deeper:

3. Read Hebrews 4:15-16. What does it mean for God to empathize with our weakness? How does that affect how we approach God?
4. The sermon focused on the theological concept of “incarnation” — Jesus as fully God and fully Human. How do you reconcile those ideas?

Action Steps:

1. As a group, talk about ways that God has met you “right where you were”. Allow it to be a reminder of the way that God has been “with” you.
2. As a group, consider ways that you can help those are struggling during this holiday season.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that God would give you the same humility that Jesus demonstrated in leaving his throne to serve others.
2. Pray for those who are struggling during this holiday season.

Feel free to use this guide to facilitate discussion in your community group. Modify the questions as you see fit.