

Simply Christmas



Part 1: Simplify

December 6, 2015

Bottom Line

Christmas proves once-and-for-all that _____.

At Christmas, God _____ you to accept Jesus as _____ and _____.

Talk It Over

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. What was Christmas like for you as a child? What are your favorite Christmas memories? Were there traditions you observed every year?
3. As you have gotten older, has your celebration of Christmas gotten simpler or more complicated? Explain.
4. Chuck said that Christmas proved once-and-for-all that God loves you. Do you agree? What does that mean to you? How does it make you feel to know that God really does love you?
5. Traditionally, Advent is a season for Christians to reflect on the "bookends" of Christ's redemptive acts: his incarnation (at Christmas) and His return to judge all mankind. Why do you think we typically focus more on the former and less on the latter? Why are both "bookends" important?
6. Read John 3:16-18. While John 3:16 may be the most familiar and popular verse in the entire Bible, what does verse 18 add that isn't so popular—particularly in 2015 America?
7. Read Luke 2:8-12. The angel's announcement to the shepherds declared that Jesus was both Savior and Lord. What does that mean? Can Jesus be one without being the other? Why or why not?