

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

The First Gifts of Christmas

Week 3: *Myrrh* – A Gift for the Dead

Galatians 4:4-5

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Myrrh was used to embalm the dead. When Jesus received this gift, it pointed to the truth that He was born to die. The death of Jesus changed everything for us.

Kicking It Off: Jeff stated that his favorite superhero is Batman. What superhero would you consider your favorite?

Discussion:

1. Reread Galatians 4:4 (NLT) *When the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.*

What made the timing of Jesus' birth "the right time"?

2. Reread Galatians 4:4 (NLT) *When the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.*

What does this verse say of Jesus that makes Him the ideal savior?

3. Reread Galatians 4:5a (NLT) *God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law.*

What did Jesus pay in order to buy our freedom?

4. Reread Galatians 4:5 (NLT) *God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.*

What are the benefits of being adopted into God's family?

5. Jeff claimed that Christmas is like the arrival of a superhero, come to save the day. In what sense is this true?

6. What spiritual truth makes you grateful at Christmas?

Wrapping Up: Ask the Lord to open your eyes to the fuller meaning of Christmas. Ask Him to make this year's Christmas ripe with spiritual growth for you and your family.