

FUSION Q's... The Christmas Story 1 – The Promise

Discussion Questions (30 – 40 minutes)

- Q1. What is the first thing you think of when someone mentions the word "Christmas"?
- Q2. Why do you think Christmas is such a significant holiday for Christians?
- Q3. Why was it so important for God to become a man?

Read Roman 5:6-11

- Q4. Why does Paul say that we were "utterly helpless"? What does he mean by that statement?
- Q5. How did God show us how much he loves us?
- Q6. How are we "made right" in God's eyes through Jesus?
- ### ***Read Roman 5:12-17***
- Q7. Jesus did what Adam could not – live a sinless life. According to this passage why was this so important?
- Q8. What was the result of God's good gift of his Son Jesus?
- Q9. After answering the previous questions and reading the passage in the book of Romans, explain how your life has been affected by the fact that Jesus became a man?
- Q10. Has the fact that God sent his Son to come into this world to be a sacrifice for your sin changed the way you live your life? Why or why not?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Romans 5:6-11 (NLT)

6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. 11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

Romans 5:12-17 (NLT)

12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13 Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14 Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. 15 But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.