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Hello Life Group Leaders, thank you for continuing to lead your groups so faithfully. This guide is designed to lead your group in a discussion around the weekend sermon. This weekend, each of our campuses are having a different live preacher. Naturally, that means that this sermon study guide may not match up perfectly with the sermon that you heard in person. It will still center around the same basic topic but will lean more towards our online sermon for the week. We hope it will still guide your group into meaningful discussion.

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Groups and Individuals

December 19, 2021 – Adam Hendrix

The Wonder of Advent: Love

Note to Leaders: *Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group and don't feel like you have to get to every question.*

Connect

- What is something you might say that you love? For example: I love coffee, or I love to read sci-fi books!
- How often do you use the word love?
- Do you think you have become numb to love because of how it is used so often?

Engage

Read —Matthew 1:1,3,5,6,16,17

- What name stands out the most to you on this list?
- Why do you think Matthew highlighted women in this genealogy?
- Who is the most shocking entry and why?
- Does it bring you comfort seeing how God uses the outsiders and broken people to still bring about salvation?

Apply

- Do you find it easy or difficult to accept God's love?
- Do you ever battle thinking that you have to earn God's love?
- Maybe you don't have problems of accepting love, it might be that you have grown numb to God's love. How can you rediscover the wonder of love this Christmas?

Pray

Read this prayer for your group:

“Lord, it sounds so easy to follow you because you only call us to love. But love is too much for us! Overwhelm us with your love so that our song of praise might continue in patient kindness and generous support of our neighbors throughout the day. Amen.

Going Deeper

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