

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of December 6, 2020

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### MY STORY

Reflect on, and share your favorite Christmas memory.

**QUICK REVIEW:** Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. What does God's love for you mean to you?
2. God loves those who reject and even oppose Him. How do we do that?
3. Michael said that sometimes, church is the last place people go who've made terrible choices. Why is that, and how can we change it?
4. God loved us before we were born and could do anything to 'earn' it. What effect does this have on your relationship with Him?

5. The verbs concerning us in Ephesians 2:4-7 are in *past tense*--  
*...He loved us...made us alive...you have been saved...raised us up...seated us with Him...* What does this say about how God sees us?

6. What does it look like to "dwell in God's love"?

### TAKING IT HOME

1 Jn. 4:19— *We love, because He first loved us.* Who in your life can you show the love of God to?

### PRAYER REQUEST

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## Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

### **WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME**

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

### **PRAY MORE THAN ONCE**

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

### **WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE**

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Missionaries of the Month** Please pray for Paul Krueger and his work with the Navigators Prison Discipleship Ministry.

**More Firewood!!** Come help us distribute firewood again, Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon behind the Youth Home.



## CHRISTMAS ADVENT

### *Dimensions of God's Love*

Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV) Michael Evans December 6, 2020

### **The Unfathomable Love of God**

We can't understand it but we can experience it.

#### **I God's Love is Wide**

Because He loves everyone...

...we can love anyone.

#### **II God's Love is Deep**

His love for us at *our* worst...

...enables us to relate to people at *their* worst.

#### **III God's Love is Long**

It stretches from eternity past to eternity future.

#### **IV God's Love is High**

It secures our place in Heaven with Jesus.

It reunites us with those who've gone before us.