

1. Finish the following statements:

-This is how God has used this group in my life over the last 12 weeks....

-A significant area of growth and change for me over the last 12 weeks has been...

-I want to thank or encourage.....(*another group member*) for....(*share specifically what God has done in you through them or what you want to encourage them with*)

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you? Anything you hoped we could briefly talk about?

3. God planned Jesus' arrival thousands of years before it happened. What does that tell us about God?

4. Read Col 2:16,17 – In what ways are you most tempted to pursue the “shadow” of Christmas more than the “Substance” of Christ? What are some of the consequence of this?

5. Why is there typically a big let down after Christmas? What does this teach us about true hope vs. false “hope’s”?

6. In what ways do you desire and plan to celebrate Christmas in a more healthy and God-honoring way this year?

7. Where have you experienced disappointment lately? How does the hope of Christ brighten that disappointment?