

December 23, 2018
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Selected Scriptures

“Would It Still Be Christmas?”

Discussion Questions & Applications:

1. What is Christmas? Why do we celebrate it? Why do some people get upset when people say “Happy Holidays” instead of “Merry Christmas”? Why do we decorate our houses? Why do we give gifts? Why do we spend so much money this time of year?
2. In the movie, “It’s A Wonderful Life,” Jimmy Stewart’s character believes the world would have been better off if he had never been born. An angel helps him understand that his life really did make an impact on a lot of people. But what if Jesus had never been born?
3. What main points did Pastor Paul share as to the impact it would have on the world if Jesus had never been born?
4. If Jesus was never born, where would we place our HOPE? How important is hope? What happens to people when they lose hope? Would you characterize your life (lifestyle) as being filled with hope, having some hope, or hopeless? Why?
5. How will thinking through all the implications of the birth of Jesus impact the way you celebrate Christmas this year?
6. Read 2 Cor. 8-9 (yes, both chapters). What is the point Paul is making? [Note: he is not talking about your tithe to your local church; this is about giving above and beyond that] According to 2 Cor. 8:9, what is it about Jesus that motivates us to be generous and give? How does Paul describe the “gospel” in 2 Cor. 9:15? What does “indescribable” mean? What is Paul’s point?
7. What are you doing to make sure people in your family, neighborhood, workplace, etc., understand the true meaning of Christmas? How sacrificially are you giving so the rest of the world can hear the truth about Jesus and why He came?