

LifeGroup Questions – Advent Series
John 1&3 – “A Messy Love Story”

1. What part/theme of the Christmas story resonates with you the most?

2. Dan mentioned a number of areas of darkness/mess in the world: Politics, Consumerism, Hunger, Preventable Poverty conditions, Sex-trafficking, Refugees, Orphans, Mental Health, Marriage Health, etc. What part of the darkness in the world impacts you, breaks your heart the most? Why?

3. Read John 1:1-14. Practice the Listen-Learn-Learn technique.
 - As you read the scripture, what do you hear God saying to you personally for now?

 - What promises or principles do you learn? What do you learn about God and life?

 - Where is the Spirit calling you to lean in, to surrender, to obey?

4. Read John 3:16. This verse and John 1:14 are part of the foundation of Christmas and they let us know that we are relentlessly pursued by God. What other scriptures, Biblical stories remind/teach us this truth?

5. Why does this truth (God’s relentless pursuit) matter to you?

6. Probably not a question for tonight but an assignment for the Christmas season. Read the book of Hosea and look for the Christmas-story themes. What verses do you need to hang on to this season? For an intro to the book, click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kE6SZ1ogOVU>

7. The closing challenge from the message was, “Don’t celebrate Christmas, find your place in the story, specifically the messy love story. What is your place in that story? What does it look like to continue the messy love story of Christmas in the next 4 weeks?

