

- Christmas Green-

Ice-Breaker:

Describe the best Christmas gift you remember receiving as a child. What happened to it? Do you have the same attachments to the gifts you give your children as you did to the ones you received as a child? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions: Read Galatians 4:4, Isaiah 7:14

- 1. When you read that Jesus came, "when the fullness of time had come," what comes to mind that leads you to believe that moment was so intentional?
- 2. Why did it matter that Mary was a virgin?
- 3. When God made a promise that a Messiah would come and the governments of nations would rise and fall to reveal his promise, how does that indicate His personal nature for your life, for his purpose?

Read Galatians 4:5 and Romans 8:32

- 4. What about the word 'adoption' in Galatians 4:5 strikes you? What does that mean to you to adopt someone else's child as your own? Do you feel that is how God describes His adoption of you?
- 5. Has Romans 8:32 ever reminded you of Christmas? As you think about that, does it change how you see giving gifts to your family or others at Christmas?

Application:

- How will this understanding of the color green change the way you see your tree, garland, or even holly this Christmas?
- What captured your attention most about the idea of new life or the color green in this message?