



Sermon Based Small Group – Series – Lights, Camera, Christmas – The Grinch

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

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Opening question: What was the best Christmas present you ever received?

Sermon Synopsis: The Grinch who stole Christmas is a helpful reminder of the hectic nature of gift-giving and preparations for Christmas. Sometimes it can feel like we spend more time worried about who gets what than if any of us really get it, as in get the spiritual importance of the birth of Christ in our lives.

Discipleship Point: Christmas is more about what you give than what you get

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Passage(s) from the sermon: 1st John 4:1-12

What questions do you have about the passage/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

How will you give love to others this Christmas?

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**