

# December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Message Discussion Questions

## Christmas Predicted – Various Passages

### OPTIONAL/REVIEW:

On Sunday we started a new series on Christmas focusing on the role of Old Testament prophecy and how it affects the Christmas narrative.

- If people from your group were there ask them and have them share:
  - What was the main take away for you from Sunday's sermon?
  - What's going to/has changed for you this week as a result?

### STUDY:

For the last few weeks we've deviated away from the sermon series and began digging into the "big picture plan of God"

1. So far we've dealt with 7 baseline questions: WHO IS GOD? WHO IS MAN? WHO IS JESUS? And WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? WHAT IS THE BIBLE? WHAT IS PRAYER? And WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- As a group refresh your memory on what the main answers to these 7 questions are, and how they fit together as God's plan for us today.

### Today we will dig into answering the question: WHAT IS OUR MISSION?

2. Critical to living "on mission" in our lives is to stay connected to our source of life. As a group read John 15.1-8

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does it tell us about ourselves?
- What does it mean (practically) to "abide?"
- Discuss the meaning of fruit here:
  - Why its important, and how do we get it in our lives as followers of Christ?

3. Now read 2 Corinthians 5.11-21

- Based on this passage what is our mission as "the church" in the world?
- What is the "ministry of reconciliation" that we've been given by God?
- What would it look like to engage in this this week?

4. Finish by reading Romans 10.11-15

- What is the main point of this passage?
- Answer the questions Paul poses in verses 14-15
- What is it that someone needs to believe to be saved?

5. Application:

- Can you explain the Gospel message clearly and convincingly?
- Do you have at least 5 people you are praying for for salvation?

6. Prayer:

- Spend time sharing prayer requests and praying for one another to effectively share their faith with those who need it.