



“Come and See” Community Group Lesson 3

1. Think about your own life for a minute. When in life would you say you've been filled with the deepest joy? What was it about that time that was so satisfying?
2. Do you think it's possible to have that kind of joy even when the circumstances of life were more “grim” or difficult? What would make it possible?
3. We've been looking at how The Christmas story is so much more than a cute story about a baby... it's about clash of Kings and Kingdoms. The same Biblical authors that recorded the Christmas story (Matthew and Luke) also recorded a prayer Jesus later taught his followers to pray. It goes like this:

“Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

‘Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

‘Give us this day our daily bread.

‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.’

Why do you think Jesus taught his followers to pray in this way?

Are there any key phrases in there that connect to what we've learned so far about the history of the Christmas story?

If you could pray with this attitude, would it bring you more joy? Why or Why not?

Take some time to pray the Lord's prayer together. And pray that God would use this Christmas season to start something new in you, bringing you to new levels of joy that have nothing to do with circumstances around you :)