

# #beCHRISTmas

## Part 1: Why to #beCHRISTmas

### The Meaning of Christmas:

Christmas has become a celebration of Christ's birth.

Christmas began as a reminder of Christ's mission.

### Luke 1

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

**Christ's mission was to bring life to us and through us.**

### Ephesians 5

<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord.

### Today's Truth

**The more we become like Christ,  
the more Christ is shown to others.**

## Group Guide

In your Groups this week, talk about the ideas on the list below. Discuss how you might do these things individually and as a group.

## #beCHRISTmas Ideas:

1. Buy someone's dinner at a restaurant or drive-thru.
2. Double your tip at a local restaurant.
3. Provide refreshments at your child's next soccer game --kids and parents.
4. Help an elderly person carry their groceries.
5. Pump and/or buy someone's gas.
6. Offer to babysit for someone.
7. Gift card for date night.
8. Buy a Christmas tree for someone.
9. Help someone with yard work or home repairs.
10. Visit with someone who's lonely this season.
11. Make dinner or dessert for a neighbor.
12. Walk someone's dog for them.
13. Give someone a Christmas CD.
14. Thank you notes for people that decorated their home.
15. Feed families at the park.
16. Deliver doughnuts to a local business or school.
17. Have someone's car detailed.
18. Offer to wrap presents for someone.
19. Pay off someone's layaway balance.
20. Buy someone's groceries.
21. Give someone in line a loaded Walmart gift card.
22. Give away a gift card to a local restaurant.

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