

# Youth Discussion Guide

For the week of December 16 - 22, 2018

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## Main Thought and Passages:

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6 NIV)*

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5 NIV)*

- Jesus came as a baby but He was still fully God.
- Jesus is our Savior and is also our Lord. Many times we like Jesus as "Savior" but ignore Him as "Lord"
- Acknowledging Jesus as Lord means to trust Him with every area of our lives. This is called lordship.

*"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup>What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?'" (Matthew 16:24-26 NIV)*

- Often times, lordship requires us to deny ourselves and put Jesus first.
- As difficult as it may seem, we gain more than we lose when we obey God and trust Him as Lord.

*"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him." (Philippians 2:13 NLT)*

- As we trust Jesus as Lord, we experience His power.
- The Holy Spirit works in us and through us, making us more like Christ and giving us courage to be a blessing to others.

## Discussion Questions:

- What do you think of when you hear the word "Lord?"
- What area of your life do you have a difficult time submitting to His lordship?
- How can you help each other submit to God's lordship?

## Prayer Points:

- Pray for one area in your life that you have a difficult time submitting to His lordship.
- Christmas is "the most wonderful time of the year" for many, but for others, it's the hardest time of the year. Pray for those around you that may be having a difficult time during this season.

## Announcements:

**WINTER BREAK G2:** Don't forget to plan your G2's during Winter Break. Plan an outreach with your Coaches/Mentors and invite your friends!