



Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Home Groups

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I'll Be Home for Christmas

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Series: Christmas Songs

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Scripture

Psalms 91:1-2

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

John 14:1-3

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

Engage

What is one of your favorite Christmas memories? (After sharing, point out which stories related to home.)

Discuss

1. Did you grow up in a home that was a place you felt safety and security? What made it that way?
2. In what ways are we "at home" with God in our lives?
3. Have a few group members answer share: Tell about when you "came home" to a relationship with God through Jesus Christ?
4. If home is defined as being settled in our relationship with God, how often do we run away because we want to be in control of our lives? Do you feel like you've ever done that? How long were you away?
5. Read John 14:1-3. What are your thoughts about Christ preparing a way for us?
6. Have you ever had days when you looked forward to going to your heavenly home? What part of that makes you excited?

Your Next Step

Are you at home in your relationship with God right now? If not, what do you need to do this week to come home?

Children's Time

This section is designed for use if your group has a time with children present prior to the adult prayer and study time.

1. Say: "Today we'll be talking about how our relationship with God is like being comfortable at home. Can you think of some ways that having God in our lives is like being at home?"
2. Do you know how a person has a relationship with God? (Explain the gospel briefly.)
3. God wants to have a relationship with you. If you have questions about that, talk to your parents this week.

Other Passages Cited

Deuteronomy 6:5-7, 9

Psalms 90:1

Isaiah 53:6

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Ephesians 4:11-12

Malachi 4:6

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