

SONGS OF christmas



Christmas is such a large part of our culture, and everyone is familiar with both the secular and sacred songs of Christmas. These various songs seem to be playing everywhere and are accepted and embraced by most everyone. The very first Christmas songs are recorded in Luke and their significant meaning will be unpacked during these three Sundays in December! We encourage you to spend time in Luke 1-2 to find the Songs and prepare your hearts for this sermon series. We look forward to worshipping with the many familiar songs of Christmas as well as hearing from God as He leads us to Christmas Day and the best gift of all: Jesus.

Here are a few suggestions for different ways your Small Group can engage with each other around the Songs of Christmas this Advent:

- Get-to-know-you questions
 - What is your favorite Christmas carol? Least favorite?
 - Describe a fond memory of Christmas from your childhood. If you don't have any fond memories, how can you start making them for yourself or your children?
- Christmas carol trivia Game
 - Read the last stanza of familiar carols and see who can "Name that Tune"!
- Worship
 - Choose a Christmas carol you find worshipful. Print the lyrics for the group. Explain why you find it spiritually meaningful. Then play the song using a CD or music service and invite the group to sing along. Encourage everyone to pay special attention to the lyrics.
- BLESS your neighbors – Invite people to Christmas Eve services.

Lakeline

- Tuesday, December 22 – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 23 – 3:30, 5:00 and 6:30 pm
- Thursday, December 24 – 11:00 am, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, and 8:00 pm

Steiner Ranch

- Wednesday, December 23 – 3:30 and 5:00 pm
- Thursday, December 24 – 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, and 6:30 pm

Online

- Thursday, December 24 – 3:30 and 5:00 pm

- For families with children in the home: Explore HCBC's suggestions from Children's ministry on our website <https://www.hcbc.com/childrens-online/>. Have group members go to the page and check it out before your group meets. At your meeting, ask what people are doing or plan to do with what they found. Many of your members may have been unaware that Children's Ministry is providing this wonderful material every week, year-round.
- Discuss the sermon series. Here is the link to watch the sermon and find the sermon notes and discussion questions: <https://www.hcbc.com/watch/>

These three larger questions drive all our discussion:

1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon and the associated passage?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How can others in the group help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you to do?