



LIFEGROUPS

**Series: The Story: How
Christmas Came to Be**

**Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20
Date: December 24, 2017**

—[LET'S START]—

- Share your plans for celebrating Christmas this year, or if your group meets after Christmas share a fun memory from your holiday this year.

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Read Matthew 16:13-20. What question does Jesus ask his disciples, and what was he trying to teach them? Why do you think Jesus asked them this question? How would you personally respond?
2. Throughout this series Pastor Dale has been telling the story of how Christmas came to be starting from the beginning in Genesis. What are some of the stories you remember that point to why God sent Jesus to us?
3. Pastor Dale talked about the necessity of faith when it comes to trusting fully in Jesus. In your own words, what is faith? What are ways you are showing faith right now without even thinking about it? How are you trusting Jesus right now in your own journey?
4. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but Pastor Dale also told the story about His death and resurrection. Why doesn't the story of Christmas just end with the birth of Jesus? Why did Jesus choose to die for us? What gifts does Jesus offer to us through his death and resurrection?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Read John 1:1-5. Christmas Eve services ended with a special candlelight song where your Campus Pastor challenged you to share the light to Christ with those who don't yet know Him. Who will you be intentional to share Jesus with in the coming year?

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—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- Bible Passage: Matthew 16:13-20
- The foretold Messiah Jesus came to **rescue us and restore our relationship** with God.
- Jesus asks all of us to answer the question, **“Who do you say that I am?”**
- Placing your **faith in Jesus** to forgive your sins begins a new life through a personal relationship with God.

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