



HOPE SHINES THROUGH

Hope Shines Through Week 2 Group Discussion Notes

Leading Off:

What is your favorite Christmas memory? What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

Scripture:

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of **salvation** for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us— to show **mercy** to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to **rescue** us from the hand of our enemies, and to **enable** us to serve him without fear **Luke 1:67-74**

Discussion Questions:

1. What would you say is your greatest need?

*“Our greatest need is **Mercy**.” – Pastor Chad*

2. Of all of our needs, what makes mercy our greatest?
3. Can you think of a time in your life where somebody showed you mercy?

*“Mercy is **love in action**.” – Pastor Chad*

4. Read John 3:16. How can mercy be described as love in action given this verse?
5. In what ways have you been able to show mercy toward others this Christmas Season? In what ways can you and your LifeGroup put love to action this week?

"It's not the things we do at Christmas time that make the greatest difference; it's the Christmastime things we do every other day of the year that make the greatest impact."

– Pastor Chad

6. Can you think of one person in your life that you can become an extension of mercy to this Christmas season? Who and why?

One To Grow On (This weeks growth challenge)

As Pastor Chad shared on Sunday, as we have freely *received* the mercy of Christ, we too then must become *extensions* of Christ's mercy to others. As you close your time together, make a list of ways that you will intentionally become an extension of mercy, not only this Christmas season, but into the year to come. Talk about some tangible ways that you and your LifeGroup can put love to action this year.