

THE GIFT



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He gave

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PURE LOVE

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See Luke 2:8-14

We have come into an intimate experience with God's love, and we trust in the love he has for us. God is love! Those who are living in love are living in God, and God lives through them. 1 John 4:16

1. Pure love came...and He _____ me.

○ LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. Psalms 139:1-4 (NLT)

So now you...are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Ephesians 2:19 (NLT)

2. Pure love came...and I am not _____.

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes, or powerful, or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God deliberately chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose those who are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all... 1Corinthians 1:26-28a (NLT)

3. Pure love came...to bring _____.

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1. Pure love came...and He KNOWS me.

O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. Psalms 139:1-4 (NLT)

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[CONNECT]

What are some of your best Christmas memories?

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

In the message we looked at how God's love is pure. In other words, it's undefiled, unfiltered, true, and holy. How does that affect the way you view God's love for you? Read 1John 4:16

What comes to mind when you process through the reality that God loves you so much that He would send Christ to pay the price for your sin? It's not anything you deserve or earn... it's all based on His pure love. What do you say to that?

How have you taken God's love for granted? How do we wake up our hearts to live daily in the "awe" of His love for us?

When you think of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, etc. you realize they were just ordinary, regular people and yet God chose them. How does it make you feel to know that God has chosen you?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-28. How would you explain this to someone using yourself as an example?

[LEAD (Yourself)]

Have 3 different people read Luke 2:8-14 out loud. Try to imagine yourself present that night with the shepherds. What would it have felt like? What would you say? What would you do? Use that as a way to engage your heart fully into this Christmas season.

Discussion Questions
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