



Discussion Guide for “Christmas Eve” *To Be Continued* Week 4

Traditions are a beloved part of our Christmas celebrations – from lights and trees to Santa and gift-giving. Changes to holiday traditions can be hard, but change is the one constant of the Christmas story. How can we find Christ present in the center of our traditions, no matter what they look like this year?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Luke 2:1-20

Titus 2:11-14

Passage for Meditation:

Christian meditation is intentional prayer that invites God to transform us as we are mindful of Scripture. If you have never done Christian meditation, here is a [guide from](#) our Catholic friends. This week’s verse is: **a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen! – Isaiah 9:5-7**

Questions for Discussion

1. What are your favorite Christmas traditions?
2. What are some traditions you no longer do? How do you feel about them? Why is change so hard for us?
3. Read Isaiah 9:2-7. Discuss how Jesus’ coming on that first Christmas both fulfilled this prophecy and upset many people’s expectations.
4. What traditions are you looking forward to this Christmas season? How can Jesus be at the center of them?
5. How are you celebrating Jesus’ coming this Christmas season?