

Part 2 — The Bible

IceBreakers:

1. When is it okay to decorate for Christmas? Listen to Christmas music? Begin Christmas shopping?

Discussion:

- 1. What's your favorite Bible story? Please share and explain why.
- 2. What are some common problems others have with the Bible?
- 3. Do you know someone who walked away from his or her faith? If so, what caused that person to change what he or she believed?
- 4. Talk about a time when something you read in the Bible seemed to conflict with something you believed about the world. Were you able to resolve that tension? If so, how?
- 5. Last week you were given the assignment of beginning to craft a statement that answers the question, "Why do you follow of Jesus?" How did it go?
- 6. How will this week's message help you to refine that statement? What can this group do to help you continue working on that statement?

Next Steps & Prayer Requests:

- Decide what your response should be when asked: Why do you follow Jesus?
- Exclude saying "The Bible says so".
- "...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have..." Peter in 1 Peter 3:15