



WORTHY

Week 3

BREAKING THE ICE

What is your least favorite Christmas song?
Share one highlight from this past week!

MAIN CONTENT

We have been in this Advent series, "Worthy", which is all about celebrating Jesus' first arrival and waiting for His return.

1. Have you found it difficult to wait this holiday season, or have you found yourself living hurriedly? Have there been any moments where you have noticed the hurry and slowed down?

Read John 1:4-5 as a group.

Annie shares that while this verse is true, it can be difficult to also want to celebrate, because of the darkness in this world.

2. What type of darkness have you seen or experienced over the past few weeks, that has made it hard for you to celebrate in this season?

Read Luke 1: 24-25, Luke 1:41-45, Luke 2:20 and Matthew 4:16.

These verses all share about how there was some form of celebration, even in darkness. The question Annie posed was, "How do we celebrate in the dark"?

The first observation Annie gave us is that "celebration is a choice".

3. Why is it important to choose to celebrate, even in darkness?

The next thing she mentioned doing is to "celebrate well and often".

4. Why would it be important to celebrate well and often?

Annie also encouraged us to “celebrate others”.

5. Who are some people you can celebrate this month?

The last thing Annie encouraged us to do is to “celebrate what is true”.

6. How could this advice help us find more things to celebrate this season?

7. Based on the ways that Annie encouraged us to celebrate, which one is something you want to choose to work on this month, and why?

Take prayer requests as a group and then close in prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, we thank you for meeting us in our darkness. We know this world is a dark place, but you loved us so much that you didn't want us to live in darkness without hope. You made a way for us to see the light, and to still hold onto hope during trouble in this world. It can be easy to see the darkness in the world, but God, would you give us eyes to see what you are doing in the darkness? Also, can you give us the ability to celebrate, even when our circumstances don't always allow us to feel like celebrating? God, would you meet us where we are in our spiritual lives, and would you give us more of you in our lives? In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

- Plan one celebration for yourself or someone in your life to do before the end of the year.
- Keep thinking and praying about who you want to invite to Christmas at Cross Point this Christmas, and check out more information about services at crosspoint.tv/christmas
- Keep listening to Cross Point Music's "Advent EP: Here Now" and our corresponding Advent 2023 Podcast at crosspoint.tv/advent.
- Are you interested in leading your own Group in 2024? Get more info and sign-up to be a group leader at crosspoint.tv/group-leader.