



THE  
*Star*  
A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

**December 3, 2017**

**Main Text-John 1:1-12**

**Optional Ice Breaker**

Share with the group a Christmas present you have received at some point in your life that you just loved.

**The BIG IDEA:**

Truly Understanding the Love of God

**Getting in the Word**

As a group, read John 1:1-12. What are your impressions about God’s love from this text? How does this parallel the creation story in Genesis 1?

What are some of the “lights” people tend to follow in the midst of darkness that only lead to disappointment?

Why did God send Jesus to be the light and why did people then and now reject the light & love of Jesus?

Describe ways in which our culture throws around the word “love,” what do we say we love? Now read John 3:16-17 & 1 John 4:9-10 and discuss how God shows His love for us and who loved who first.

How did John the Baptist reflect the love of God in his life and how can we reflect and not reject the love of God in our life?

In order to receive the gift of the Kingdom of God, how must we live our lives? Read Mark 10:15 and discuss how we can adopt this perspective in our daily lives

Read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8, now, read it again but substitute the word God every time it says love or refers to love. How does this change your understanding of God’s love for you?

**The BIG Question**

How does following the STAR to the manger help us understand the love of God & the meaning of Christmas?