

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet and apply God's Word each week. The sermons and guides can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

## CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What kind of Christmas decorations do you put up? Do you have any favorites?
- As you think about your neighborhood or your community, are there any "interesting" decorations out there? What's the most "non-traditional" decoration you've seen?
- What do you think our culture's choice in decorations says about our understanding of Christmas?

## APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Jason used Psalm 24 to help clear up some confusion about the true Christmas story - God reached down to us because we couldn't reach up to Him.**

## Psalm 24 - Who Is This King Of Glory?

- **Read Psalm 24 in several different Bible versions**
  1. Most Bible scholars believe that King David wrote this Psalm after he brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem after being taken by the Philistines. What do you know about the Ark of the Covenant? Can you describe what it looked like? What was it used for? What did it symbolize? What were some of the guidelines relating to how to interact with the Ark?
  2. King David writes Psalm 24 having just seen Uzzah touch the Ark and die immediately. What does David's response in verses 1-2 teach us about where we should look when we are discouraged or low? Where do you usually turn when you are confused, hurt, or down?
  3. In verse 3, David asks the question, "If God is so holy and mighty, who can possibly approach Him or have a relationship with Him?" How would you interpret his answer in verse 4?
  4. Pastor Jason said that Isaiah 6 is one of the best Christmas passages that nobody thinks about at Christmas. Read Isaiah 6:1-6 and explain how this passage corresponds to the message of Christmas.
  5. The truth of Christmas is that God reached down to us because we couldn't reach up to Him. What are some ways that humans try to reach up to God today? How might Romans 3:23-25 help you talk to someone trying to earn right standing before God on their own?
  6. How should verses 7-10 of Psalm 24 impact the way you worship the Lord this Christmas?

***Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?***

## PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- As a group, pray short prayers of worship in response to what God has done for you in reaching down through Jesus Christ.

