

"... The Incarnation: God's Indescribable Gift!"

(2 Corinthians 9:15; Matthew 1:21)

I. Introduction:

- A. *The Final Word – Michael Card*
- B. *The Forgotten Gift – Hugh Haynie*
- C. *The Faithful Giver – God*
 - Genesis 3:15
 - Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7
 - 2 Corinthians 9:15

II. Exposition: The Incarnation - Matthew 1:21

- A. *God's gift of a Son*
 - 1. *John 3:16; 36*
 - 2. *Romans 8:31-32*
- B. *God's gift of a Savior*
 - 1. *1 Peter 1:18-19*
 - 2. *Our greatest need ...*
 - 3. *Salvation:*
 - *Past – Ephesians 2:5, 8*
 - *Present – Romans 6:14*
 - *Future – Romans 8:29; 1 Peter 1:5*
- C. *God's gift of Sins Forgiven*
 - 1. *Colossians 1:13-14*
 - *Personal Sin – Romans 3:23*
 - *Sin Nature – Ephesians 2:3*
 - 2. *Ephesians 1:7*

- 3. *Imputation*
 - *Adam to us – Romans 5:12-14*
 - *Sin to Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:21*
 - *Righteousness of God to believers – Romans 3:22; 2 Corinthians 5:21*
- 4. *Impact*
 - *Relationship with God*
 - *Relationship with self*
 - *Relationship with others*

III. Conclusion: God's Indescribable Gift

- A. *The Exaltation of His Name – Gloria Gaither*
 - 1. *The Song – Something about that Name*
 - 2. *The Commentary*
- B. *The Consummation of His Name – Phil. 2:9-11*
- C. *The Adoration of His Name*

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. *What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)*
2. *In what ways does Jesus get forgotten when it comes to gifts at Christmas? In what ways can this be rectified in your home?*
3. *Describe some of the ways in which God has been faithful to you over the years. How can you offer gratitude for those?*
4. *Think about God's indescribable gift of His Son. What most impacts you about that this particular Christmas?*
5. *Why is forgiveness such an amazing gift to reflect on at Christmas? How does it impact your relationship with God, yourself and others?*
6. *What stuck out to you from the conclusion?*
7. *Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)*