

Connect Group Questions – December 24, 2023

(1) Do you look forward to the Advent season every year? Why or why not?

(2) Why did Jesus come not to condemn the world? Why do those who belong to Jesus need not fear the condemnation of God? How should this reality liberate us to live a life of glad obedience to God?

(3) Read John 1:14-15, talk about why Jesus used the episode in Numbers 14 to illustrate what it means to believe/receive him. What are some ways this world has been bitten by sin? How do you protect your heart from bitterness toward the world so that you will graciously/winsomely engage them with the Gospel?

(4) If someone were to ask you, “What is the consolation of Christmas from John 3:16-17?” How would you answer?

(5) Christmas presents us with a God who is very personal, good, loving and compassionate. All of us have a story before our conversion of running from God. What are some ways you ran from him or are running from him (invite people in)? How did you ultimately run to God, in the Gospel? How are you continuing to run to God, in the Gospel. Invite your CG to pray for some individuals you know who are currently on the run.