

**Grace Group Homework**  
**Thanksgiving to Christmas**  
For the Week of November 27, 2011

**Review**

1. How was thanksgiving? Did you get to apply any of the principles we learned from the Neighbor series during the week?
2. How do you feel about the blending of Thanksgiving into Christmas?
3. What are any thoughts or questions that you have that were prompted from Pastor Dave's sermon this week?

**Digging Deeper**

1. Read John 3:16 and Romans 5:9. What is the purpose of Christmas?

2. How does this purpose of Christmas help lead us to thanksgiving, or at least, why should it?
3. If the "thing" we should be most thankful for at Christmas is Christ's arrival for the purpose of dying for us, how should that influence the way we celebrate Christmas with our family this year?
4. What are ways you can help your children and family not miss out on this important truth about Christmas during the busyness of the holiday?
5. Read Mark 10:25. How does this verse challenge the way we often approach how we "do" Christmas with our families? Does this mean presents are bad and we should just give bible tracts to kids on Christmas morning?
6. Does having more "things" cause us to be more thankful? Why or why not?

7. What are the things that you are most thankful for in your own life?
  
8. If we understand and agree with the reality that our relationships and family are the things we are most fundamentally thankful for, why do people forget that truth when they plan their Christmas experience?

**Conclusion**

1. What can you start doing this week to prepare your family and friends (and yourself) to have a Christmas that you will be truly thankful for?



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