

## **Suggested Discussion Questions for 12/3/2023**

### **Message: Thriving in Christmas, pt 1**

1. What is your emotional response to all that is required to prepare for something big? How do you manage it?
2. How do you respond to the premise of this message: "God prepared for the coming of Christ; so should we."?
3. If you were to explain the plan and pathway God prepared to bring Christ into the world, what are the highlights you would include? Why? (See if you can string them together like Paul did. You might want to write out your own sequence in advance & share them.)
4. What element or step in God's plan and pathway stands out most to you?
5. We touched on 4 prophecies relating specifically to the birth of Christ. Discuss the important implications of each.
6. What are some other OT prophecies surrounding the birth of Christ? Where in the NT do you find their fulfillment?
7. What difference does it make that God worked out such a specific plan over such a long period of time?
8. Why does it seem so difficult to execute our best plans and ambitions to keep Christmas centered on Christ?
9. What specific plan to include in your celebration or encouragement to proclaim Christ this season developed for you from this message? How are you going to make it happen?
10. What would you like to discuss about this passage that hasn't already been addressed?