

## **Holiday Series - Making Christmas More Meaningful, part 1**

**Message Summary:** The challenge this Christmas is simple - How do we make Christmas more meaningful? How does it become something more than annual traditions and credit card debt? We do it by loving like God did for us. What does that look like practically? Love is an interesting word that encompasses a lot of things - It can be hard to narrow it down to a few things but we are going to try today by understanding how God loves us.

# **Meaningful Christmas by Loving**

**1. Love is the reason behind the Christmas story. John 3:16-17**

**2. God's love is not something we've earned. Romans 5:8-11**

**3. God's love never fails. Psalm 103:8**

**Stories that describe God's love enacted upon humanity:**

- **The adulterous woman.** John 8:1-11
- **The thief on the cross.** Luke 23:39-43
- **The prodigal son.** Luke 15:11-31

## **Discussion Questions: *All LifeGroups are on Holiday Break***

**OPEN IT** – Talk about your favorite parts of the Christmas season. What do you like best about it?

**EXPLORE IT**- Review Sunday's sermon outline and Scriptures together with someone.

1. Has the Christmas story ever become boring or rote for you? Why or why not?
2. Is it easy or difficult for you to believe that God loves you? Why or why not?
3. Do you believe God loves everyone the same?
4. What is your definition of the love of God?