



INTRODUCTION

Christmas is complicated enough. There are presents to pick, parking spots to find, and family dynamics to navigate. The story of Christmas—God’s most important message to mankind—shouldn’t be complicated. In this message, Andy Stanley unpacks the bottom line of Christmas. And it’s a bottom line that is truly “good news.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your favorite childhood memory of Christmas?
2. Why does the Christmas season cause us stress as adults even though it was a time of excitement and joy when we were children?
3. Read John 3:16. How does the idea that “believe” means “place your complete trust in” change the meaning of the verse for you?
4. Have you ever tried to change your behavior or get back to church as a way of reconnecting with God? Did it work?
5. Read John 17:3. What do you think it means to know God?
6. If there’s never been a time in your life when you have quit trusting in yourself and begun trusting in Jesus Christ, what’s preventing you from taking that step?

MOVING FORWARD

The message of the gospel is one hundred percent good news. If your feelings about God, Jesus, or the church don’t reflect that, then perhaps someone has misled you. The gospel isn’t a call for you to straighten up and get your life in order. God loved. God gave. We believe. We receive. It’s as simple as that.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16