

**Sure Foundation
Christmas Message
LG Questions for 12/13/09**

Getting Started

Christmas season is one of the most stressful times of the year for many people. In some ways we all get caught up in the fast pace of the Christmas season. At a time of year when we should be celebrating the birth of Christ, instead we find ourselves burdened with stress, guilt, stress and even depression. What are ways you stay filled with the celebration of what Jesus came to give...How do you 'survive' the holidays in Christ?

Getting Into the Bible

1) Advent literally translated means "coming" or "arrival." During the Advent season we celebrate the coming of:

- The Hope of Jesus
- The Dominion of Jesus
- The Strength of Jesus
- The Glory of Jesus
- The Love of Jesus

Jesus has brought all of these into the lives of a Christian. This year which of these gifts of Jesus do you embrace the most? Why?

2) Read briefly through the names mentioned in the Hall of Faith found in Hebrews 11. What did all of these on the roll call of faith have in common according to Hebrews 11:39? What do we have that none of them had? Explain.

3) Read the classic pronouncement of John 1:1-2. Now read John 1:14. What happened with the word when Jesus came in the flesh? How does this truth help us negotiate the stress that comes on us during the holiday season?

Making it Real

Spend time praying for each other's needs as it relates to the holiday season.