

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

OPEN

- *Begin with some time of prayer*

SHARE

- *For you, what is the “best” part of the Christmas holiday? What is the “worst” part?*
- *How is a child’s perspective (or approach) to Christmas different from an adult?*

The Advent and Christmas season is about the coming of Christ into the world; however, it is also about waiting. Waiting is not an easy task. Having patience is not easy. Yet during this season we are taught the importance of waiting on the coming of Christ into our world. Galatians 4:4-5 will be our text these three weeks, it says: “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”

- *When has there been a time in your life that your really had to wait on something? What was it, and how did you deal with it?*

READ: Galatians 4:4-7

This passage teaches us that God chose the right timing in which to give His special gift: Jesus Christ. Pastor John shared 3 keys to God’s “right timing” concerning Christmas, take a few moments to further discuss these ideas.

1) It was the right time culturally

- *Why was it the right time culturally for Jesus to be born?*
- *Why is this important to the Christmas story?*

2) It was the right time politically

- *Why was it the right time politically for Jesus to be born?*
- *Read Luke 2:1. How does this passage relate to this idea?*

3) It was the right time religiously

- *Why was it the right time religiously for Jesus to be born?*
- *Read Romans 5:6. How does this passage relate to this idea?*

CLOSE IN PRAYER

“God’s Timing”
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