****Week 2**

**“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

**INTRODUCTION**

What is one of your family’s favorite Christmas traditions? What makes it so special?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*Read Matthew 11:28, Matthew 9:12-13, and 2 Corinthians 5:1.*  These verses tell us that Jesus calls the weary, the burdened, and the sinners so that they can become new creations.

* In what ways has the busyness of the Christmas season made you feel weary and burdened?
* Where do you need Christ’s comfort and restoration the most in your life?

*Read Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 2:10-11, and Isaiah 9:6-7.* In these passages, we learn that Jesus helps us become more faithful, more joyful, and more triumphant.

* Describe a time when you experienced a lack of faith. How did Christ help restore your faith?
* What types of circumstances most often cause you to question your faith?
* What’s robbing you of your joy? What steps do you need to take to regain your joy through Christ?
* How would you describe the difference between happiness and joy in your life?
* Where do you need Jesus’ help to become triumphant in overcoming an obstacle you are facing?
* What steps can you take to place more of your focus on Christ during this Christmas season?

**STEPPING FORWARD**

This week consider doing one or all of the following each day:

* Tell God where in life you feel weary and burdened. Ask for His comfort and restoration
* Ask God to continue strengthening your faith in Him. Share with Him the ways you may be struggling in your faith.
* Tell God what’s robbing you of your joy. Ask Him to help you regain your joy.
* Thank God for continually making you more faithful, more joyful, and more triumphant.
* Ask God to help you become triumphant in all areas of your life.

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

**John 10.11**