****Week 3**

**“Away in a Manger”**

**INTRODUCTION**

What was one of your favorite Christmas gifts you received as a child?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*Read Luke 2:8-11.*  The angel tells the shepherds in this passage that the baby they will find is Christ the Lord.

* What does Jesus being Lord mean to you?
* Why do so many of us struggle with surrendering to authority?

*Read Proverbs 3:5-6, Luke 6:46, Romans 14:7-9, and Matthew 7:21-23.* These verses stress the importance of living a fully surrendered life to Christ.

* What things in your life have you not fully surrendered to Christ?
* What’s keeping you from fully surrendering to Christ?
* Why is it so important that we fully surrender to Christ?
* What are some examples you’ve seen of what it looks like to be fully surrendered to Christ?
* Faith comes first in fully surrendering to Christ. How would you describe your current level of faith in Christ?
* What steps do you need to take during this Christmas season towards fully surrendering everything in your life to Christ?

**STEPPING FORWARD**

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

* Ask God to help you deepen your trust in Him.
* Tell God what things you have not surrender to Him. Ask God to help you fully surrender your life to Him.
* Tell God what Jesus being your Lord means to you and how it has impacted you. Praise Him for all He has done.
* Thank God for sending His son Jesus to earth over 2,000 years ago so that you could have new life.
* Ask God to stir within you a deeper passion and hunger for Him in every area of your life.

*But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.*

**Luke 6:49**