

MESSAGE

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS FOR GOD TO SHOW UP

ISAIAH 64:1-9 | NOVEMBER 29/30, 2014 | PASTOR JIM CALER

"I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others." (Genesis 12:2)

This Christmas Season, We Need God to Show Up...

...and _____ Us (Isaiah 64: 1-4)

1. His power is unique
2. His power is effective

...and _____ Us (Isaiah 64:5-7)

1. Our sin destroys our lives
2. Our sin takes us places we don't want to go

...and _____ Us (Isaiah 64:8-9)

1. God's grace means the forgiveness of our sin
2. God's grace means the transformation of our lives

STUDY GUIDE

OPEN UP

1. Who are you most excited about spending time with this holiday season?
2. In preparation for this study ask God to speak to you through your study of the Scripture, and then read Isaiah 64:1-12 aloud.

DIG IN

3. What illustrations are used in verses 1 & 2 to illustrate the effect of God's presence? How do you think the world would react to this?
4. How would you say the work of God differs from that of other gods (vv 3-4)?
5. According to verse 5, why was God angry and what did the people need?
6. How are the sins of the people described in verses 6 & 7? What is the point of these images?
7. What is Isaiah asking for in verse 9?
8. How do verses 10 & 11 describe the destruction in the cities? Why do you think Isaiah points this out?
9. What question is asked of God in verse 12?

LIVE IT OUT

10. If verse 8 describes your relationship with God, how has He been "shaping" you recently?
11. Where do you most need God to show up this holiday season?

[Next week: We continue our Advent series "All I Want for Christmas." Read Isaiah 40:1-11 in preparation.]

