

THIS WEEK AT
Northgate

December 20, 2020

Wreck the Halls

SUNDAYS ONLINE

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Christmas! Learn more at <https://thisis.church>

- 🍷 Light Show at Benicia Campus – Every night until Dec. 25
- 🍷 The Light – A Special Christmas Film Online Dec 22-24
- 🍷 Christmas Compassion Project!

Kids Sunday Services – <https://thisis.church/online/children>

Wednesday Wake Up – 8AM on Facebook

Celebrate Recovery – Benicia Mon. 6:30pm

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WEEKLY READING PLAN

December 13, 2020

1 Matthew 2:1-23

2 John 1:9-18

3 John 16:33

4 Galatians 4:4-5

5 John 3:16-17

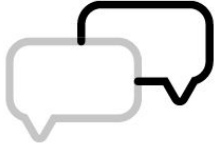
HOW TO PRACTICE THE S.O.A.P. METHOD

SCRIPTURE Read the Scripture

OBSERVATION What do you see in this passage? What words/phrases stand out to you?

APPLICATION How can I apply what I read to my own life? Is there action I need to take?

PRAYER Thank Him. If He revealed something to you in His Word, pray about it.



G R O U P

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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W A R M U P

- When have your expectations of what or how God should be been unmet?

R E A D

Matthew 2:1-23; John 3:10-17; John 1:9-18; Galatians 4:7; John 16:33

A S K

- Sometimes we base our expectations on misunderstanding of Scripture or pop-theology. How did the Magi fall into this category? How about the tradition of the 3 Wise Kings visiting the manger?
- What are some other likely disappointments in this story (by Mary, Joseph, the people of Bethlehem)? What do you know about how they later coped?
- There's a popular Christian song with these lyrics. How have you ever experienced this?

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move.
When You don't part the waters, I wish I could walk through.
When You don't give the answers, As I cry out to You.
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

- Do you agree with the idea that the more things are out of your control, the easier or better it is to trust in God even though you don't understand? Why?
- How does the real hope of Christmas, Jesus becoming Emmanuel, God With Us, help you manage your expectations and deal with disappointment?

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