



BIG IDEA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

12.12.09//12.13.09 // Southpoint Christmas Musical: Scroogical

// Ice Breaker _____

Option 1: What are some ways that help you keep your focus on Jesus during the hectic Christmas season?

Option 2: What type of Christmas plays were you (or your children) involved with when you were growing up? What were your thoughts of those plays?

// Questions for Discussion _____

1. Read Matthew 16:26

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?

- a. **What does the culture say we have to have in order to be 'successful'?**
- b. **In what ways can this be dangerous?**

2. Read Psalms 73: 1 - 3

¹Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. ³ For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

- a. **Have you ever envied the prosperity of the wicked?**
- b. **Do you think this is dangerous? Why or why not.**

3. Read Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

The Angel Gabby counseled the Angel Angelo 'God will never give you a job to do without also giving you the tools to do it. Just Trust Him.'

- a. **How can this encourage us in doing God's will in our lives?**
- c. **Share any examples that the group has with God helping them beyond their own abilities.**

4. Read Luke 2: 10, 11

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for **all the people**. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

In the play, Ooge couldn't figure out who Jesus came for.

- a. **Who did Jesus come for?**
- b. **Why do you think it is difficult for some people to believe that Jesus came for them?**

5. God gives us the gift of Jesus.

Read John 1:12

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

What is our responsibility?

6. In the play, Ooge had a dramatic change of his character after his encounter with Jesus.

- a. **Have the group share how they have changed after believing in Jesus.**

// Application_____

Read and commit to memory John 1:12

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Take advantage of the Christmas season to share your hope in Jesus with family and friends.

- **Share that material possessions and power are not the ultimate success.**
- **Simply invite them to Southpoint. You can use the cards at Connection point.**

// Prayer_____

- **Thank God for the gift of Jesus.**
- **Pray for opportunities to share the real meaning of Christmas.**

